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Daily Bridge Club

Pursuit of happiness

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"They say money won't bring happiness," Unlucky Louie told me. "I'd like to verify that theory for myself."

Louie loses heavily in my club's penny games, blaming it all on bad luck. When he played today's four hearts, he drew trumps and tried a diamond to his jack.

West took the queen and led a spade, and Louie won and led a second diamond to his king. West won and led another spade, and Louie ruffed, ruffed a diamond in dummy and led a club to his queen. West took the king, and Louie lost another club, and some more money, at the end.

"Every key honor was in the wrong place," Louie sighed.

heart and he bids one spade. You stall with two clubs — a jump to three diamonds would only invite game — and he bids three clubs. What do you say?

ANSWER: Slam is possible. Partner appears to have a heart singleton, so the hands fit well. Jump to four diamonds to show great diamond support and slam interest. If he cue-bids four spades next, bid six diamonds.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

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

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

EAST
♠ K Q 10 7 3
♥ 5
♦ 10 9 8
♣ J 8 7 5

SOUTH
♠ 6
♥ A 8 7 4 2
♦ K J 4 2
♣ A Q 9

South West North East
1♥ Pass 3♥ Pass
4♥ All Pass

Opening lead — ♥10

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SPADE RUFFS

Louie's technique was weak. He can take the ace of spades at Trick Two, ruff a spade, lead a trump to dummy and ruff a spade. He next leads his deuce of diamonds.

Say East wins and leads a club. Louie plays the nine, and when West wins, any return gives Louie a 10th trick. If instead East leads a diamond, Louie plays the jack, and when West wins, he is end-played again.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ 6 ♥ A 8 7 4 2
♦ K J 4 2 ♣ A Q 9. Your partner opens one diamond, you respond one

SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?

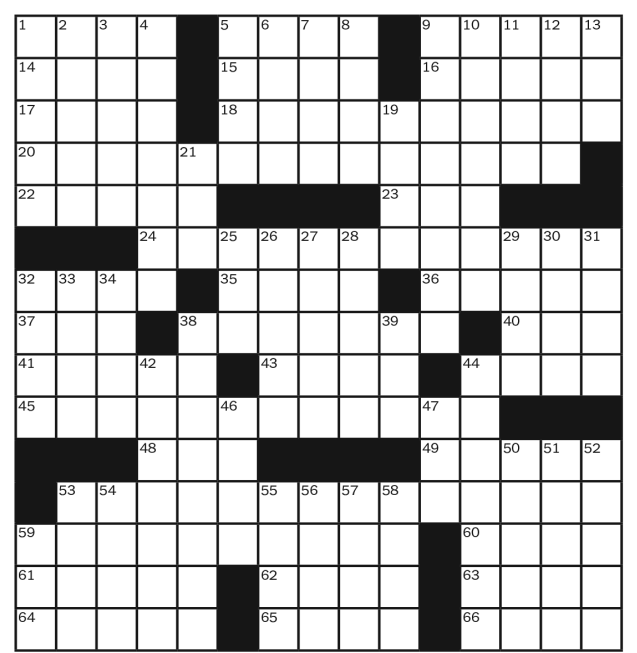
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The New York Times Crossword

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No. 0525

- ACROSS**
- 1 Evidence of a recent scrape
 - 5 Lead-in to fall
 - 9 Expensive Super Bowl purchases
 - 14 Actress Reid of "Sharknado"
 - 15 Timber wolf
 - 16 Snookums
 - 17 Many a graduate of 37-Across: Abbr.
 - 18 "Not just that ..."
 - 20 "Really?!"
 - 22 First hit by the Moody Blues (whose title ends with an exclamation point)
 - 23 Word with fishing or lightning
 - 24 "Impo-o-ossible!"
 - 32 Showed up
 - 35 Capital of West Germany
 - 36 Party line?
 - 37 Tech sch. in Troy, N.Y.
 - 38 Store clearance event
 - 40 Gesture meaning "thank you"
 - 41 The Jetsons' dog
 - 43 Handicraft website
 - 44 Bouts of crying, say
 - 45 "Oh, come on now!"
 - 48 Little Rock-to-Chicago dir.
 - 49 Reminder of an old flame?
 - 53 "How ridiculous!"
 - 59 Hot seasoning made with peppers
 - 60 Singer Brickell
 - 61 Throng
 - 62 What some ships and hearts do
 - 63 Tear down
 - 64 Rival of Hydrox cookies
- DOWN**
- 1 Cartoonist William who created Shrek
 - 2 "On it!"
 - 3 First noble gas to be discovered
 - 4 With no exceptions
 - 5 Commoner
 - 6 Go here and there
 - 7 ___ Prize, annual award in mathematics
 - 8 Literature Nobelist Morrison
 - 9 Longtime singing competition hosted by Carson Daly
 - 10 Said "nay"
 - 11 Saying "nay"
 - 12 Bug repellent ingredient
 - 13 Country once joined with Egypt as the United Arab Republic: Abbr.
 - 19 North Atlantic shipping menace
 - 21 Start of every ZIP code in Washington, D.C.
 - 25 Clarice Starling's employer in "The Silence of the Lambs," in brief
 - 26 Thesaurus eponym
 - 27 Photo-sharing app, familiarly
 - 28 Grind, as the teeth
 - 29 New York Liberty's org.
 - 30 Really eager
 - 31 Turns sharply, as an aircraft
 - 32 Rocky outcropping
 - 33 Quiet place to pray
 - 34 Something for a chef to have on hand?
 - 38 Awards for some hunters
 - 39 Harsh cleaning agent
 - 42 Soccer superstar Cristiano
 - 44 Court cutups
 - 46 Thomas Hardy title heroine
 - 47 Output from a sci-fi weapon
 - 50 Attacked
 - 51 Doolittle of "Pygmalion"
 - 52 Sport with clay targets
 - 53 God who wields the hammer Mjólnir
 - 54 "This Gun for ___" (film noir classic)
 - 55 Winery container
 - 56 Pompeii, e.g.
 - 57 Adolescent outburst?
 - 58 "___ and Luther" (onetime Disney Channel sitcom)
 - 59 Comedian Margaret



PUZZLE BY KRISTIAN HOUSE AND MIKE DOCKINS

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

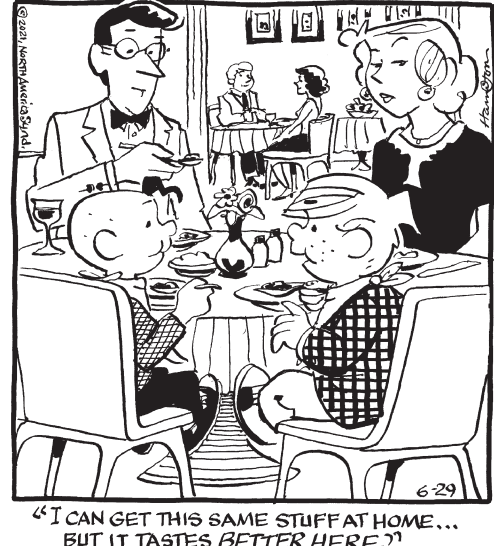
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BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



JUMBLE

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

DPATA
GFYOG
YLGELA
RPROLA

Print your answer here:

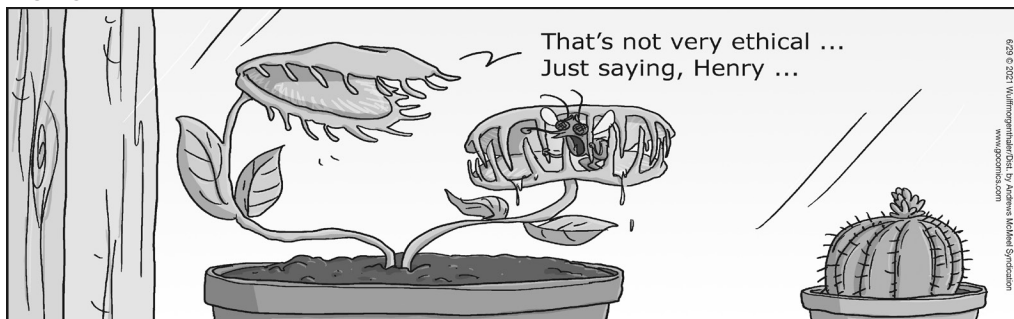
(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: MATCH COURT ACTIVE FIERCE
Answer: Rushmore's presidents can talk to each other so much thanks to all the — FACE TIME

CANDORVILLE



WUMO



ZITS



Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

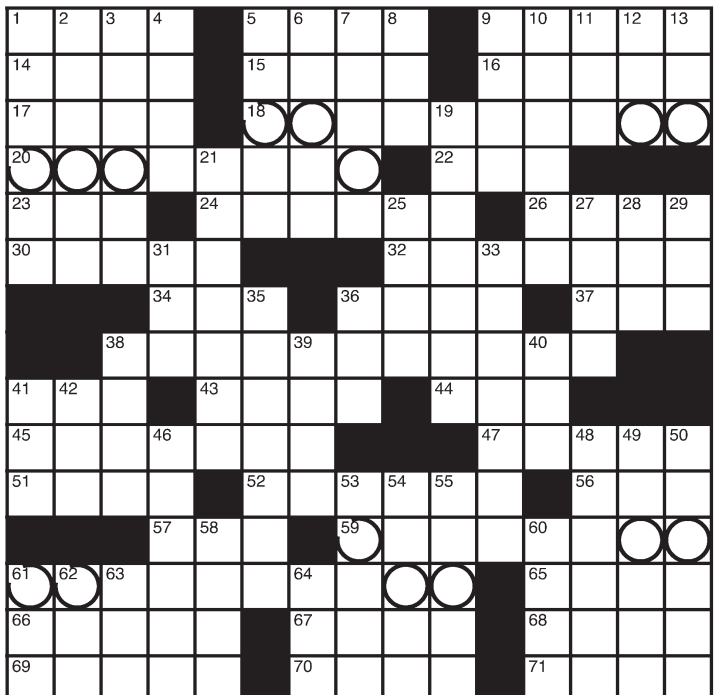
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Reaction to a bad joke
 - 5 Mary's was little
 - 9 Hip-hop headgear
 - 14 Army supply
 - 15 Plus
 - 16 How many single people live
 - 17 Singer McEntire
 - 18 Kooks
 - 20 Where fingerprints may be analyzed
 - 22 2020 Super Bowl number
 - 23 Beehive State native
 - 24 Another name for the peyote cactus
 - 26 Significant times
 - 30 Yemen's capital
 - 32 Paid in advance, as costs
 - 34 Ancestry.com concern
 - 36 Michael of "Arrested Development"
 - 37 "Got ___ ideas?"
 - 38 Like a well-trained pet, and a hint to each set of circles
 - 41 Pub order
 - 43 Gets with effort, with "out"
 - 44 Witness
 - 45 Knights ___: "The Da Vinci Code" group
 - 47 White house?
 - 51 Canadian gas
 - 52 Populated with trees
 - 56 Spanish Main treasure
 - 57 Tax preparer, for short
 - 59 Cheerleading team
 - 61 Contest with a puck
 - 65 Money drawer
 - 66 Boo-boos
 - 67 Diaper rash cream additive
 - 68 Vacation spot
 - 69 Green sauce
 - 70 Phishing targets: Abbr.
 - 71 Is worth it
 - 2 Mafioso code of honor
 - 3 Sleep aid brand
 - 4 Linguist Chomsky
 - 5 Soup scoop
 - 6 Butch Cassidy or the Sundance Kid
 - 7 24-hour news service
 - 8 Marshy region
 - 9 Surrealist Salvador
 - 10 Twist who asked for some more
 - 11 Harry's pal Weasley
 - 12 Director Lee
 - 13 Some fridges
 - 19 Top NFL players
 - 21 Common temple name
 - 25 Violinist Leopold
 - 27 Stable color
 - 28 Raggedy doll
 - 29 Snorters' quarters
 - 31 Brouhaha
 - 33 Docs with doctored birth dates, say
 - 35 "Shoot"
 - 36 Letterman's last network
 - 38 Skirt lines
 - 39 Architect Saarinen
 - 40 Neurologist's readout: Abbr.
 - 41 Had a bite
 - 42 "___ Misérables"
 - 46 Pool player's target
 - 48 "Little Women" author ___ May Alcott
 - 49 How much medication is taken
 - 50 Loads
 - 53 Milky gems
 - 54 Possessed person's possessor
 - 55 Sporting blades
 - 58 Mexican money
 - 60 Medicine cabinet swab
 - 61 Jump on one leg
 - 62 Have bills to pay
 - 63 Prefix with gender
 - 64 Tank filler

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

F	L	E	D	W	H	I	M	R	A	Z	E	D	
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DOWN

- 1 Neiman's business partner

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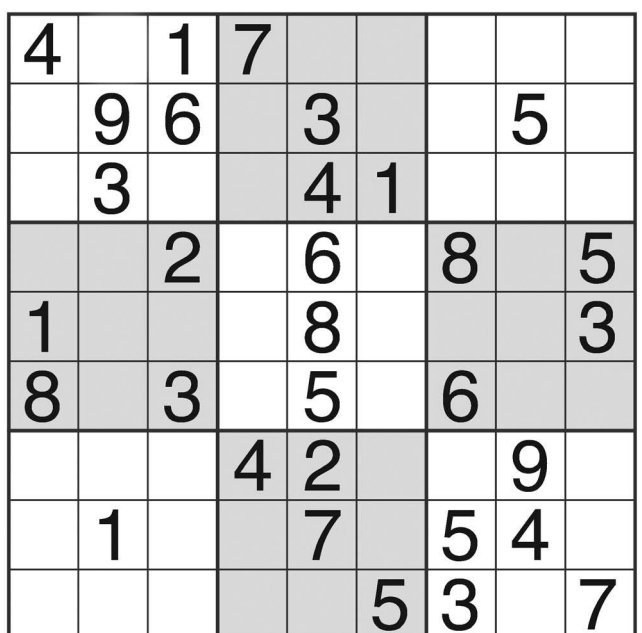
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SUDOKU

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

SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU

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



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