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Daily Bridge Club

Taking your time

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Today's deal reminds me of the turtle who got mugged by two snails. When the police arrived and asked the turtle if he could describe the perpetrators, he said, "I don't know. It all happened so fast."

When West led the king of diamonds against South's four spades, East overtook with the ace and led his singleton heart. Declarer won and started the trumps, but East grabbed his ace, led a diamond to West and ruffed the heart return for down one — all in less time than it takes to tell.

What do you say?

ANSWER: Your hand has become potent. If partner has a minimum but shapely hand such as K 5, A J 7 6 5, K Q 10 6 5, 8, he will be a favorite at six or seven diamonds. You have options. One is to set the trump suit with a jump to four diamonds. Another is to bid two spades (the "fourth suit") and support diamonds next.

North dealer
E-W vulnerable

NORTH
AQJ5
A Q 8
10 5 4
K J 8 7

WEST
6 4
6 5 3 2
K Q 9 2
Q 10 9

EAST
A 7
9
A J 8 7
A 6 5 4 3 2

SOUTH
K 10 9 8 3 2
K J 10 7 4
6 3
None

North 1 club East 1 pass South 1 club West 1 NT
1 club Pass 1 club Pass
1 NT Pass 4 club Pass
4 club All Pass

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: A 7 9 A J 8 7
6 5 4 3 2. Your partner opens one heart, you respond two clubs and he bids two diamonds.

Opening lead — diamond K

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SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?

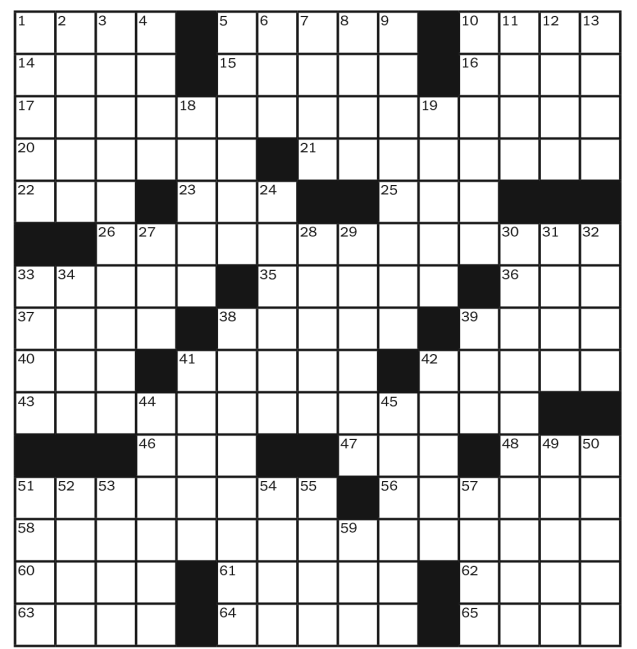
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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0526

- ACROSS
1 Hairstyle for Billy Preston
5 Pacific nation composed of 250+ islands
10 Fairy tale baddie
14 Brest milk
15 Cold War concern, for short
16 Spot for an ibex
17 Event with minutes that might last hours
20 What choristers may sing in
21 Persistently bothers
22 Shania Twain's "... I Feel Like a Woman!"
23 Bacillus shape
25 Left after taxes
26 Purchase inspired by a New Year's resolution, often
33 Diamond parts that are rounded
35 Transport from Seattle to Bainbridge Island
36 Kerfuffle
37 Poet Dove
38 Hardly iffy
39 Avocado or olive products
40 Computing pioneer Lovelace
41 Made a peeling?
42 Sound, e.g.
43 Rubella, by another name
46 Suffix with "most," redundantly
47 Item sometimes made with pikake flowers
48 Director DuVernay
51 Surname of father-and-son Latin pop singers
56 Chair wheel
58 Ominous request from a teacher ... or a hint to the first words (and following letters!) of 17-, 26- and 43-Across
60 Scandinavian name whose masculine equivalent ends in "-var"
61 Get a sense of
62 Show with booths
63 Stash belowdecks
64 "... unless I'm wrong"
65 Gorilla expert Fossey
DOWN
1 Song collection
2 Animals of a region
3 Future celebrity
4 Inventor Boykin who helped develop the pacemaker
5 Wunderkind
6 Prominent features on firefighter calendars
7 Played paper against scissors, e.g.
8 Food, in a food fight
9 Tech-obsessed sort, perhaps
10 Largish chamber groups
11 Cheshire cat's signature feature
12 Tirade



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- 13 They run when they're broken
18 Standards
19 Rock powder used as an abrasive
24 Warp
27 Vote of support
28 Hockey game interruption, maybe
29 Like some suites
30 Waves from the curb, say
31 Duty-free?
32 Blog entry
33 Crow
34 Gofer
38 Major pilgrimage destination in Spain
39 Number aptly found in "loner"
41 So last year
42 ... crest (part of the pelvis)
44 Granny, in the South
45 It's meant to be kept
49 Scooter brand whose name means "wasp"
50 Crime in insurance investigations
51 Goddess sister of Nephthys
52 Courteous chap
53 Kind of block
54 Way off
55 Knock for a loop
57 "Ethan Frome" vehicle
59 Literally, "I"

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

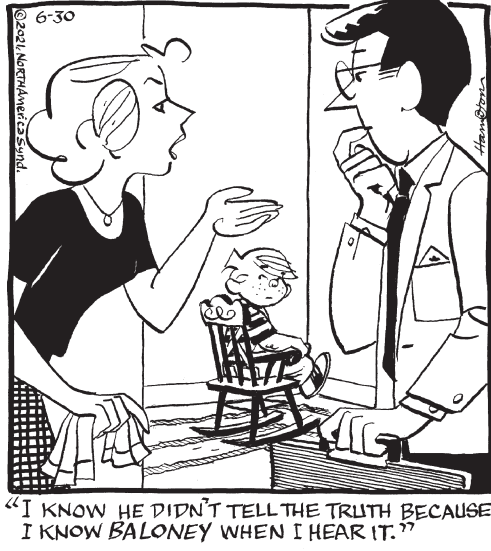


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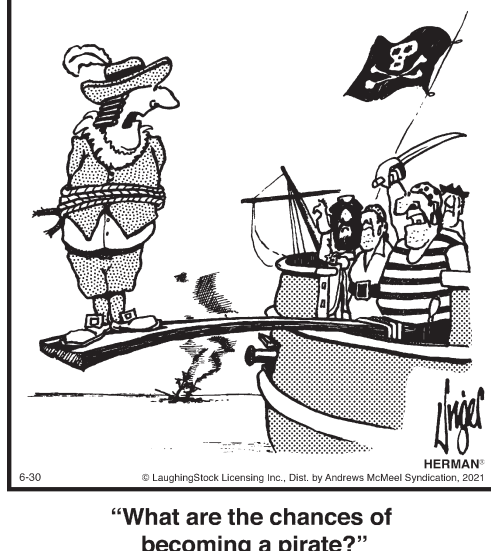
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DENNIS THE MENACE



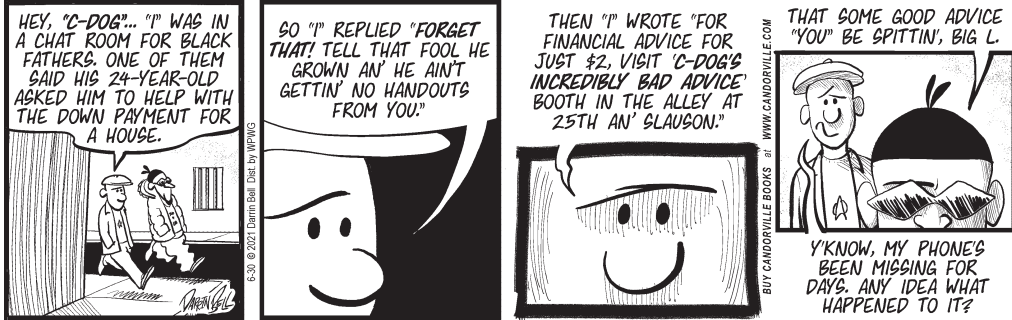
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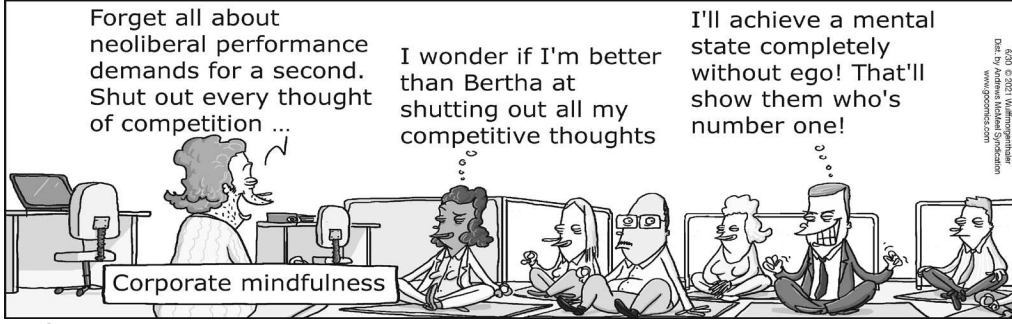
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Jumble puzzle with scrambled words: TLOGA, FNISF, SWEFET, RUYOLH. Includes a cartoon and instructions.

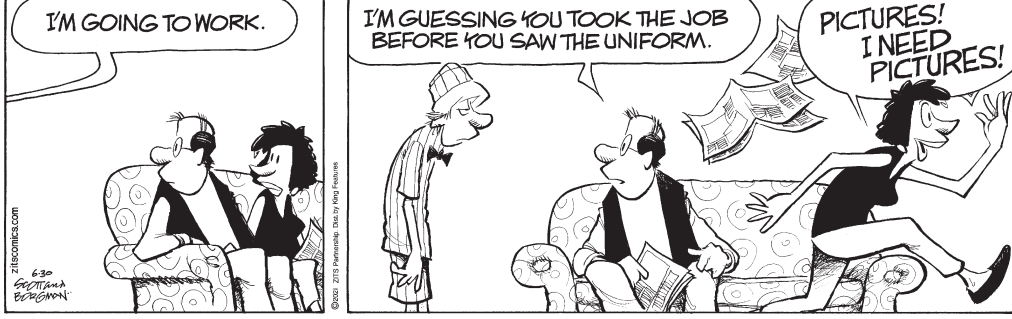
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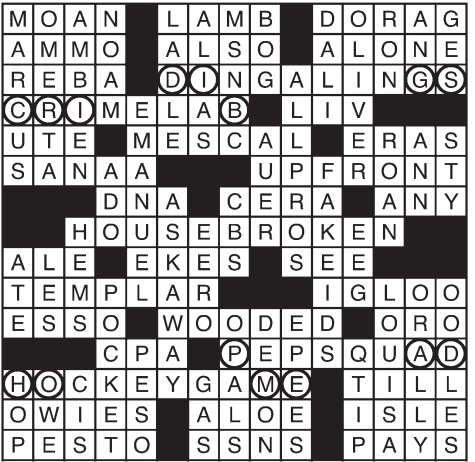


Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS
1 Put away
4 Discover with effort
9 Cloister leader
14 Mars, for one
15 Hwy. through six Eastern state capitals
16 Dora the Explorer's animal-rescuing cousin
17 Phoenix-to-Boise dir.
18 Tanner's favorite kids' game?
20 "My word!"
22 Discriminating sense
23 Nursery item
24 NBA's Steph Curry, notably
26 Indy entrant
28 Ornithologist's favorite kids' game?
34 "... en Rose": Edith Piaf song
36 Fare-well link
37 Naught
38 Footnoter's "ditto," briefly
39 Like ballet movements
41 Lenovo competitor
42 "... want a hula hoop?": "The Chipmunk Song"
43 Lots of bucks
44 Sits after microwaving
45 Window retailer's favorite kids' game?
49 Flight board abbr.
50 Part of HEW
53 Bite like a beaver
56 Within the law
59 Onion exterior
60 Vermeer and Rembrandt's favorite kids' game?
63 Wall St. debut
64 Stumping sites
65 Russian villa
66 After-tax amount
67 Popped up
68 Jewish community orgs.
69 Dr. of rap
DOWN
1 Veep who resigned
2 South Pacific kingdom
3 British monarch who reigned less than a year in 1936
4 "That's so obvious!"
5 "Would you mind?"
6 French-Swiss film director Jean-Luc
7 Some, in France
8 Swamp buildup
9 Put in
10 Casual eatery
11 Tavern quaff
12 Fancy molding
13 Drag on a joint
19 Canoodled
21 Ancient Celtic priest
25 Diamonds, to hoods
27 Sensitive subject, to some
29 One-eighty
30 X as in Xerxes
31 Unique thing
32 Plant pot spot
33 Wings you can't eat
34 Bird's perch
35 Genesis victim
39 Doe or sow
40 Grazing locale
41 Tips politely
43 EPA-banned insecticide
44 ... -de-sac
46 Beginner
47 Turn (on), as a light
48 "You \_\_\_!": "Yep!"
51 Not as green
52 Online reminder
53 Nat'l. economic stats
54 Cozy corner
55 Auto with a four-ring logo
57 Whirling current
58 Island east of Manila
61 Bloke
62 Partakes of

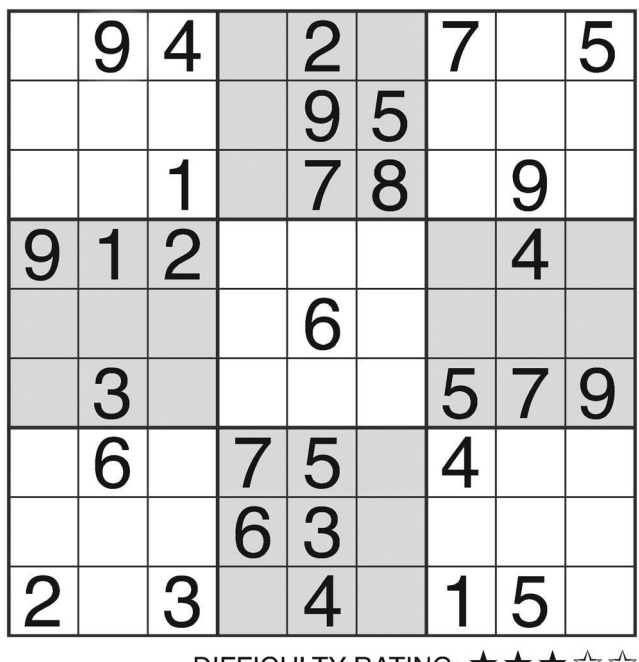
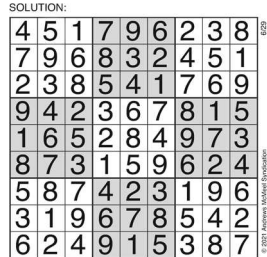
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:



SUDOKU

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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