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Daily Bridge Club

Focus on the field

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The incomparable investor Warren Buffett (who also happens to be an avid and capable bridge player) observed that games are won by players who focus on the field, not on the scoreboard.

Today's West led the seven of clubs against six hearts, and South must have been focused only on writing down plus 1,430 on his scorecard. He took the ace of clubs and started the trumps. West won and led another club, East ruffed and South had to inscribe minus 100 instead.

ADVICE

South should have taken Buffett's advice. Since only a club ruff can defeat the slam, South must guard against it. He takes his ace of spades at Trick Two, cashes the ace of diamonds and ruffs his low diamond with the eight of trumps.

Declarer then discards his last club on the king of spades and leads a trump to his king. West wins and is helpless. If he leads another club, South can overruff when East ruffs and draw trumps. If West leads a third diamond, South can ruff with dummy's jack of trumps safely.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ A ♥ K Q 10 9 7
♦ A K Q J 6 ♣ 10 3. You open one heart, your partner bids one spade, you jump to three diamonds and he

returns to three hearts. What do you say?

ANSWER: Your jump-shift was forcing to game, and partner couldn't pass even with a minimum responding hand. You can just go to four hearts now and leave the rest to your partner, or perhaps bid four diamonds, but you should make no strong move.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ K J 9
♥ J 8 6 2
♦ 7
♣ A K Q 5 4

WEST
♠ 8 7 6 5 3
♥ A
♦ 5 3
♣ J 9 8 7 2

EAST
♠ Q 10 4 2
♥ 5 4 3
♦ 10 9 8 4 2
♣ 6

SOUTH
♠ A
♥ K Q 10 9 7
♦ A K Q J 6
♣ 10 3

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

Opening lead — ♣ 7

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SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?

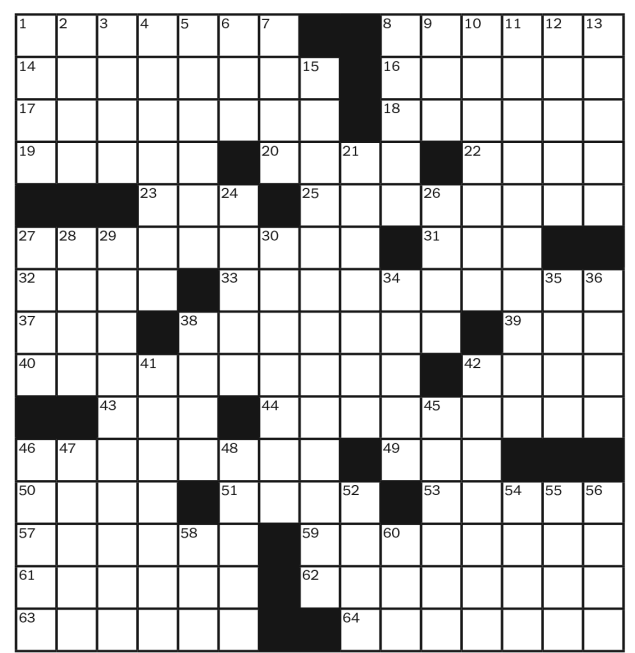
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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0528

- ACROSS**
- Building with many drafts
 - Got clean
 - "Heavenly" dessert with a lemony filling
 - Space between the ribs of an insect wing
 - Unresolved detail
 - One-pointer in horseshoes
 - Woman's name that sounds like two letters of the alphabet
 - Pad
 - Without a match
 - Econ. stat
 - Enticing spot
 - Gay rights pioneer Marsha P. Johnson, for one
 - Bud's place
- DOWN**
- "I'm ____, she's mine" (repeated lyric in "Do Wah Diddy Diddy")
 - Movement to reduce frivolous lawsuits
 - Early p.m.
 - Renowned football club founded in 1899
 - Golfer's concern
 - "Vice" principal?
 - T-Bonz treats brand
 - Bob ____, Canadian ambassador to the U.N.
 - Curve cutter
 - "Isn't that strange?"
 - Collar
 - Resort with a "no snowboarders" policy
- DOWN**
- Roll in the hay?
 - 905-year-old in Genesis
 - Clash of the titans?
 - Throws in the towel
 - Runs
 - Great ____
 - Tough skin
 - Model's makeup, often
 - Is for more?
 - Bit for a fortuneteller
 - 90s groups?
 - First name on the Supreme Court
 - Had the gall
 - Post master?
 - Not so hard
 - Topic for a voice coach



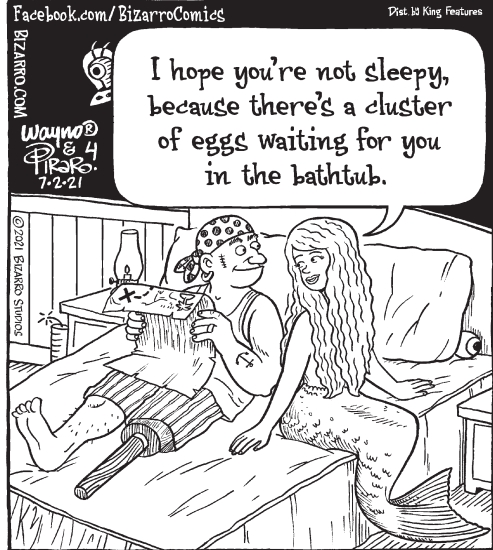
PUZZLE BY ANDREW J. RIES

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| 26 Taken in | 36 Cat's 'sup? | 48 Job that usually requires a face covering |
| 27 Jazz trumpeter Jones | 38 Didn't just excel on | 52 Parts of roller coasters |
| 28 Offer you might have less interest in, for short? | 41 Home of Jinnah International Airport | 54 Potter's substance |
| 29 Ones who might use oils in a pan? | 42 Province named for a daughter of Queen Victoria | 55 Antithesis of light reading? |
| 30 Surfaces | 45 Second | 56 Aide to Captain Hook |
| 34 Fabric made from cellulose | 46 Word with hold or holy | 58 "____ Your Dog, Charlie Brown" (TV special) |
| 35 Seacrest's partner on morning TV | 47 Lift up | 60 "Finding Nemo" setting |

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



JUMBLE

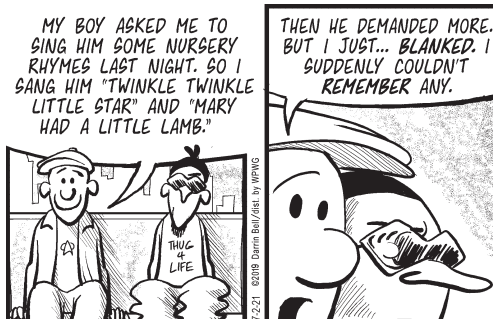
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

BRTIO
TNGUS
CENAYG
POCONU

Answers tomorrow!

Yesterday's Jumbles: OMEGA TABOO SOFTEN TRUDGE
The lobster that opened a restaurant on the ocean floor were — BOTTOM FEEDERS

CANDORVILLE



WUMO



ZITS

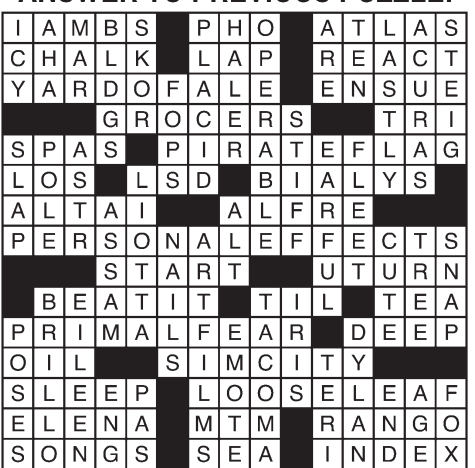


Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS**
- Let off
 - "Beats me," in texts
 - Boozer
 - Its recipe often includes egg whites
 - System used in home decor
 - *Runs drills
 - It can unfold over many episodes
 - P.O. box item
 - Canadian grazer
 - *Extremely demanding
 - *Did a double-take, say
 - Sounds of relief
 - Simon of "Shaun of the Dead"
 - Screen legend Flynn
 - *Produce milk
 - "Indeedy"
 - One-time Nigerian capital
 - Thingamajig
 - Magic trick that affects the answers to starred clues
 - Seales of HBO's "Insecure"
 - Feed a crowd, say
 - Printer spec.
 - Singer Susan Boyle, e.g.
 - Outfit again
 - Kind of sink
 - Tot's bruise
 - __ trap
 - *Like two-humped camels
 - Non-Rx
 - Form 1040 calc.
 - Religious groups that allegedly communicate with ETs
 - Sweatshirt with a head cover
 - Classic couples carrier?
 - "Ouch!"
 - Word with film or form
 - Utter
 - *In a concise manner
- DOWN**
- Electrical unit
 - Home plate edge
 - Accessory for Katniss Everdeen
 - Trojans' sch.
 - *That makes sense
 - Electric wheels
 - Hypotheticals
 - Not like at all
 - Fort defended by Bond
 - Disney film featuring a canine prosecutor, with "The"
 - Lord's Prayer opener
 - *Strategic maneuver
 - Handlebar part
 - Last word in a holiday song
 - Kin of Kourtney
 - *Twins: online comedy duo
 - Freaks out
 - Quick dip?
 - *"Bosch" squad: Abbr.
 - Prep for publication
 - Calif. summer hrs.
 - Merriment
 - Theater ticket abbr.
 - Name of 12 popes
 - Valve system
 - Old-style "Bummer!"
 - Crooner Perry
 - __ vez: once
 - *Thing that matters
 - __-high
 - Electrical unit

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

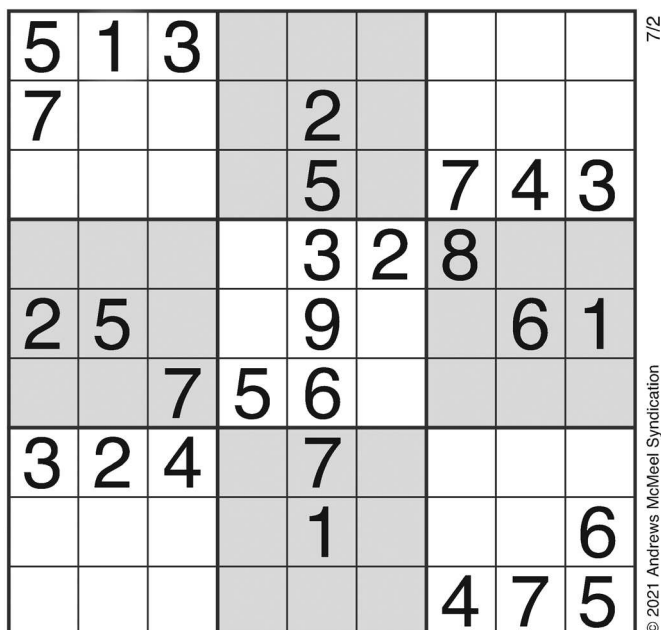
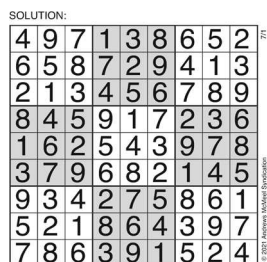


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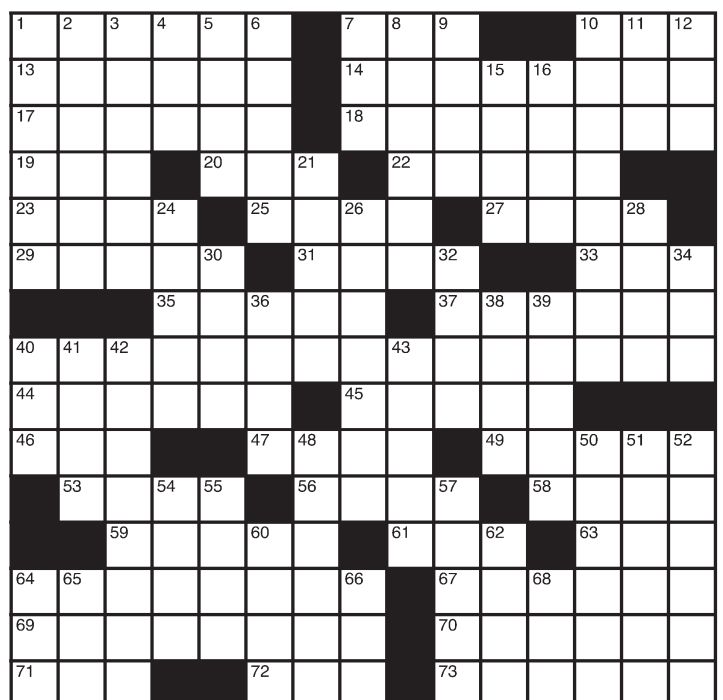
Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU



DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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