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Daily Bridge Club

Hard to please

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"My partner is seriously hard to please," a club player told me. "If he'd been present at the Feeding of the 5,000, he would have complained about no butter for the loaves or tartar sauce for the fish."

My friend was declarer at today's four hearts. West led the queen of clubs.

"I took the ace," he said, "cashed the ace of trumps and next took the ace of diamonds and led a diamond from dummy. West took the ten and queen and led the king. When dummy ruffed, East overruffed, and also West got a trump trick. Down one."

UPSET

"My partner was upset. He said if there was a way to make four hearts, I wasn't up to finding it."

South can ruff a club at Trick Two and take the A-K of trumps. When East-West follow, South leads a spade to dummy's king, ruffs a club, takes the A-Q of spades and ruffs the last club. If West discards, South has won nine tricks and still has the ace of diamonds. If instead West overruffs on the fourth club, dummy's third trump is a winner.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ A J 9 ♡ A K 7 5 2 ◇ J 8 7 4 ♣ 6. Your partner opens one diamond, you bid one heart and he jumps to three diamonds. What do you say?

ANSWER: Partner's jump-rebid shows a good six-card suit with about 16 points. If he has 6 5, Q 3, A K 10 9 5 3, A K 5, you can make seven diamonds. You might just bid six diamonds or 4NT, but to try for a grand slam and involve partner, bid three spades, then support diamonds to paint a picture of your distribution.

South dealer
Both sides vulnerable

NORTH
♠ K Q 10
♡ 8 4 3
◇ A 6 2
♣ A 5 4 2

WEST
♠ 7 5 4
♡ Q 10 6
◇ K Q 10 3
♣ Q J 10

EAST
♠ 8 6 3 2
♡ J 9
◇ 9 5
♣ K 9 8 7 3

SOUTH
♠ A J 9
♡ A K 7 5 2
◇ J 8 7 4
♣ 6

South	West	North	East
1 ♡	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ◇	Pass	3 ♡	Pass
4 ♡	All Pass		

Opening lead — ♣ Q

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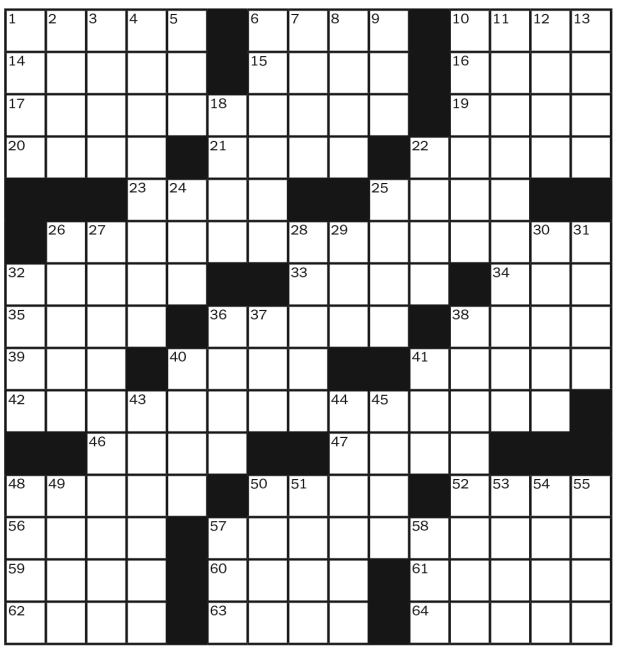

PUZZLE BY MICHAEL LIEBERMAN

ACROSS
1 ___-schmancy
6 Apple's digital assistant
10 Sandwiches that may use Skippy and Smuckers, informally
14 Regions
15 The "Odyssey," for one
16 ___ Canal, connector of the Hudson River to the Great Lakes
17 Arkansas's capital
19 "___ from New York, it's ..."
20 Bonny young woman
21 Overhaul
22 "Superbad" co-star Seth
23 Loss offsetter
25 Derrière
26 Bicolor cookies also called half-moons
32 Hold responsible
33 Cause of some nose-wrinkling
34 "How was ___ know?"
35 Red, as a steak
36 Portmanteau for denim cutoffs
38 Condition treated by Adderall, for short
39 Corp. giant spelled backward inside "giant"
40 Something tried out for in a tryout
41 Follows, as orders
42 Final practice before the big show
46 Opening between mountains
47 Opening for a coin
48 One of a pair of a carnival entertainer
50 How many times the Washington Nationals have won the World Series
52 Chocolate candy with a caramel center
56 Rice-shaped pasta
57 Fashion designer associated with the item spelled out by the starts of 17-, 26- and 42-Across
59 Clown of renown
60 Prerevolution Russian leader
61 Had a role to play
62 Obsessive fan, in slang
63 Plane assignment
64 Feed, as a fire

DOWN
1 Leaf-changing season
2 Prima donna's big moment
3 Brooklyn basketball team
4 Tie in tic-tac-toe
5 Big inits. in fashion
6 Tennis star Williams
7 Cher holder?
8 Puerto ___
9 "Gross!"
10 House speaker Nancy
11 Flash of genius
12 "___ Talkin'," #1 hit for the Bee Gees
13 Observed
18 Composer Satie
22 German industrial valley
24 There's only one spot for this
25 Deuces
26 Former British P.M. Tony
27 Circular food item that may come in a 16" square box
28 Up, on a compass
29 Banned pesticide, for short
30 ___ alcohol (fuel source)
31 Installs, as a lawn
32 ___ Rutter, "Jeopardy!" contestant with the all-time highest winnings ($4.9+ million)
36 Places for tips
37 Valuable deposit
38 Existing in the mind only
40 "Hey, over here!"
41 Spanish gold
43 Place for a brawl in a western
44 Accompany on the red carpet, say
45 One of the Baldwin brothers
48 Bawls
49 Horse's gait
50 Slowly seep (out)
51 Org. with bowl games
53 "Hold ___ your hat!"
54 Vegetable paired with potato in a soup
55 Quaint shoppe descriptor
57 Adds to an email chain, in a way
58 Possesses

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

P	L	O	T	A	R	M	O	R		B	A	B	A	S
R	I	D	E	S	H	A	R	E		A	L	L	I	E
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D	E	E	M		A	B	E	T		S	H	E	L	F
E	R	R		S	P	U	R		Y	E	A	G	E	R
			W	H	E	N	I	S	I	T		R	A	E
		F	E	A	R		N	I	P		P	E	K	E
	T	A	N	G	L	Y		S	P	A	R	E	S	
W	I	L	T		M	E	A		E	C	O	N		
A	D	S		M	A	S	T	H	E	A	D			
K	E	E	N	O	N		L	O	K	I		P	S	I
A	P	H	I	D		G	A	R	I		S	E	C	T
N	O	O	N	E		A	N	D	Y	O	U	A	R	E
D	O	P	E	S		S	T	E	A	D	I	C	A	M
A	L	E	R	T		P	A	S	Y	S	T	E	M	S

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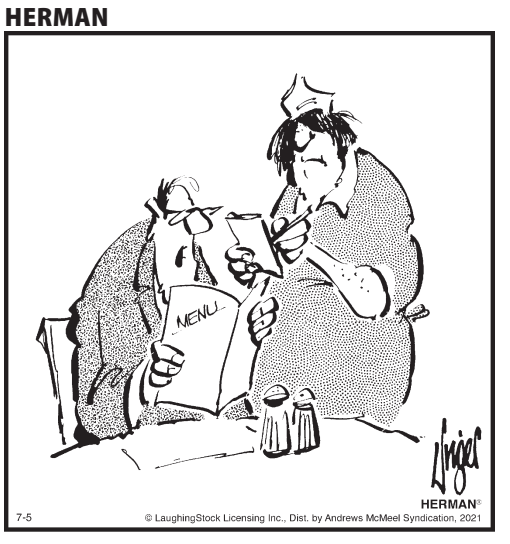
HERMAN



"If you've stopped serving breakfast, I'll have a bowl of corn flakes for lunch."

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

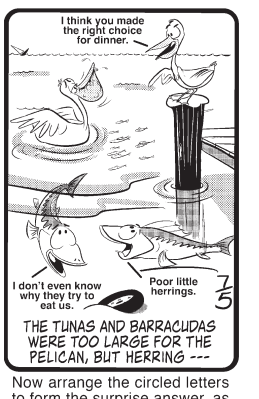
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

ULDFI

RBUTL

LNEEFN

ZLRAID



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

THE

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: TITLE THYME FIASCO ROTATE
Answer: The golfer's new outfit looked great and — FIT HER TO A TEE

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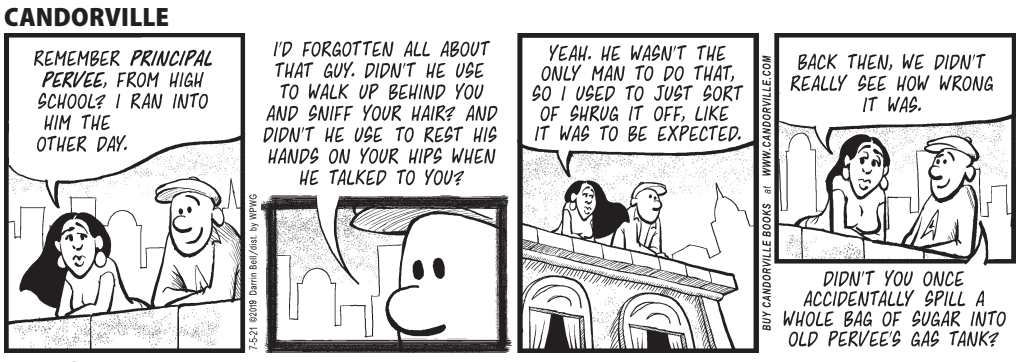

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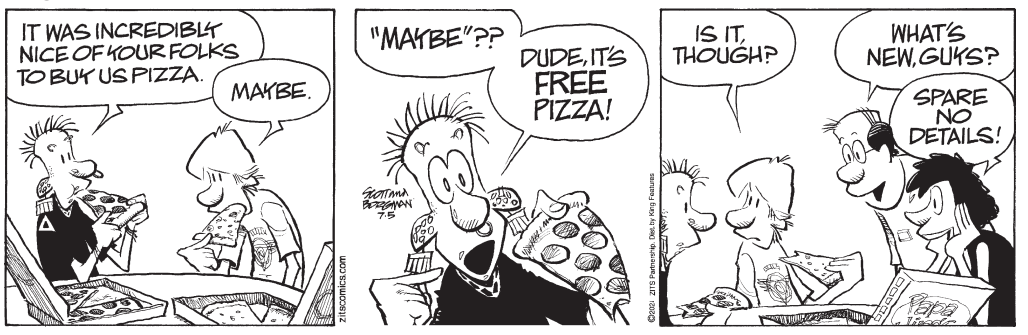

SUDOKU

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

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

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SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU

SOLUTION:

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

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS
1 Light in a socket
5 Hunt for bargains
9 Tick off
13 Enjoyed immensely
15 Smooth engine sound
16 Love, in Lima
17 Gibberish
19 Passed-down stories
20 Support for a side plank exercise
21 Country singer McGraw
22 Finished, as a deck
24 David Muir and Lester Holt
27 "Thor" actor Idris
28 "Just as I thought!"
29 Tax evader's comeuppance
33 Very beginning
36 Like strung guitar strings
37 "If u ask me ... "
38 Sought-after celeb
40 Springsteen's __ Band
43 Edge of a glass
44 "I claim that!"
46 Perform better than
47 One who scoffs at Bud, perhaps
50 Dominate in competition
51 Dough for spanakopita
52 Attacks
56 Kind of salad named for a NYC hotel
59 Make a dent in
60 Mister, in Mumbai
62 Grammy winner India.__
63 Overtime round, e.g. ... and what a black square acts as for the circled words?
66 Crystal ball gazer
67 Landfill emanation
68 Coffee or tea
69 "No thanks"
70 Nada
71 Draws to a close

DOWN
1 Ole Miss rival
2 180-degree reversal
3 "I wanna try!"
4 Fella
5 Ocean froth
6 Smooth engine sound
7 Planets, in poems
8 Formal objections
9 Ritzy California beach city
10 "No dessert for me today"
11 Warning after a slice
12 Mister Rogers
14 Random criticism
18 Iwo __
23 Fashioned after
25 Friendly dog greetings
26 Actress Vardalos
30 Regrets
31 Used WhatsApp, say
32 Dog in Oz
33 Clothing
34 Fashion designer Saab
35 "The years just zip by!"
36 The Chicks or ZZ Top
39 Ralph Kramden's pal
41 Dwarfed, with "over"
42 Ski resort trails
45 "Killing Eve" channel
48 Lyft patrons
49 __-mo videos
50 Actor Epps
53 Blending of one hue to the next, from the French for "shaded"
54 Invite to enter
55 Get big on Twitter
56 Stinging insect
57 Farmland measure
58 Classic dog name
61 Ticks off
64 Very long stretch
65 "What __ you looking at?"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

S	P	A	S		B	A	D	P	R		P	U	M	A
C	A	F	E		A	C	U	R	A		I	N	O	T
A	G	R	A		L	E	B	O	N		G	L	O	B
R	O	I	L		L	L	A	N	O		L	A	N	A
A	D	C	A	M	P	A	I	G	N		A	C	C	T
B	A	A	B	A	A						T	I	A	S
				G	R	O	U	P	T	H	I	N	K	
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I	S	A	O		R	O	U	G	H		S	T	I	R
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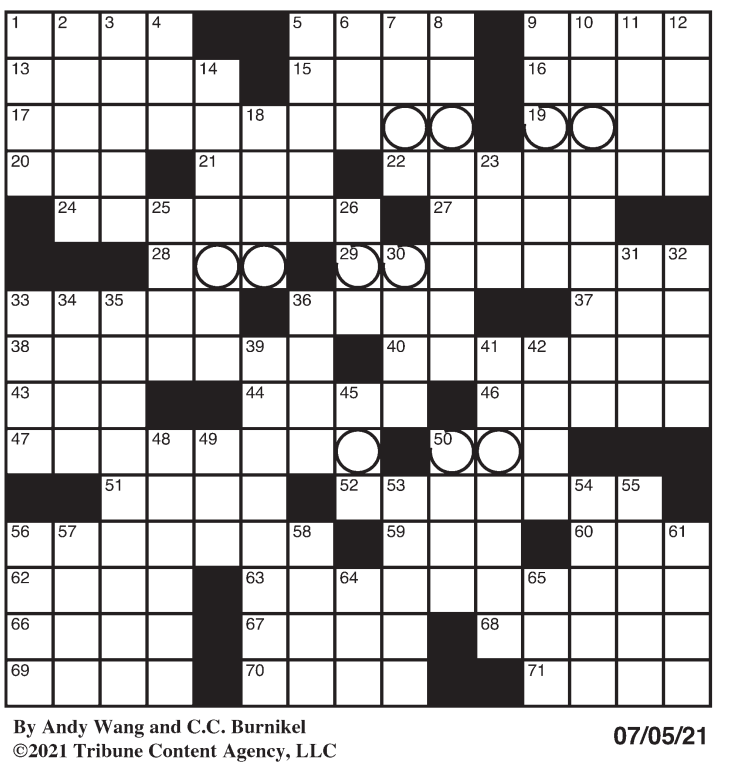

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