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Daily Bridge Club

Great extrications

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An extraordinary case of a player escaping from a hopeless situation arose in a Vanderbilt Teams match 50 years ago. South was the late Bobby Goldman.

After trading on the favorable vulnerability to preempt with a ragged suit, Goldman found himself at five diamonds. (North's raise to game was anything but clear.) West, with a difficult choice of opening leads, chose an aggressive low spade.

Goldman played low from dummy, winning with his singleton queen. He led a trump to dummy's jack, threw his heart loser on the ace of spades and led the king of hearts.

one diamond, you respond one spade and he bids INT. What do you say?

ANSWER: You want to invite game, but a jump to three hearts would be forcing, and a bid of two hearts would be neither forcing nor encouraging. Many pairs use "new minor forcing," an agreement whereby a bid of two clubs (a "new minor") would ask partner for a further description of his hand. Discuss with your regular partner.

South dealer
E-W vulnerable

NORTH

♠ A 5 4
♥ K Q 4 3
♦ A J
♣ 10 6 5 2

WEST

♠ K 8 6 3 2
♥ J 10 7 6
♦ K 10
♣ A 8

EAST

♠ J 10 9 7
♥ A 8 5 2
♦ 8
♣ K Q J 3

SOUTH

♠ Q
♥ 9
♦ Q 9 7 6 5 4 3 2
♣ 9 7 4

South 4♦ West Pass North 5♦ East All Pass

Opening lead — ♠ 3

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ K 8 6 3 2 ♥ J 10 7 6 ♦ K 10 ♣ A 8. Your partner opens

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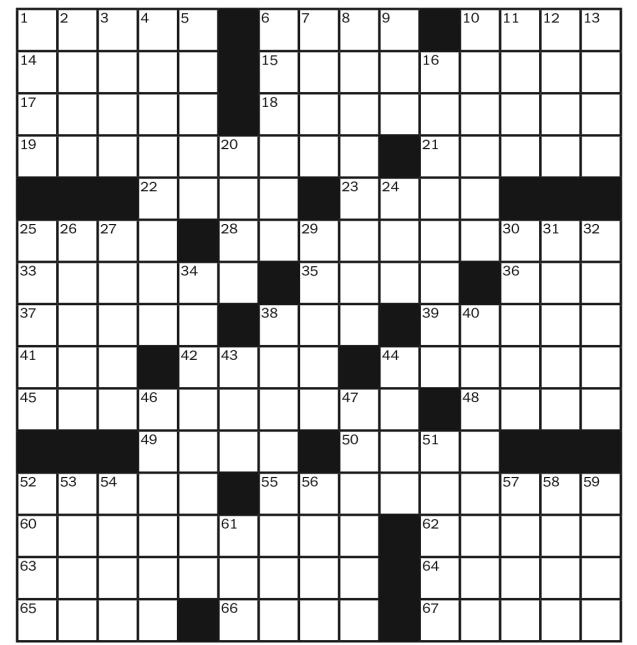
ACROSS

- 1 Michelangelo's only signed work
- 6 4 1 1
- 10 Like dewy grass
- 14 Did diddly squat
- 15 The "you" in the classic song lyric "I'm crossin' you in style some day"
- 17 Caravan member, perhaps
- 18 Stick with it
- 19 In-flight call?
- 21 Risky
- 22 "My b!"
- 23 Cosmetics giant
- 25 Cat, in Catalonia
- 28 "That's ridiculous"
- 33 Cry in a famous balcony scene
- 35 ___ Eshkol, third prime minister of Israel
- 36 Browbeat
- 37 Aster relative
- 38 Waste receptacle
- 39 Timely
- 41 Blood-typing system
- 42 Release
- 44 Hair nets
- 45 "Someone's going to pay for this!"
- 48 Warn with a horn
- 49 Caro who directed 2020's "Mulan"
- 50 Some remote inserts
- 52 City near the Temple of Isis
- 55 Lucy van Pelt's frequent outburst to Charlie Brown ... or how to fill some squares in this puzzle?

- 60 One making a scene
- 62 Woodwind section
- 63 "The highest result of education," per Helen Keller
- 64 Oscar winner Berry
- 65 Picks
- 66 Without a leader?
- 67 Take from one medium to another

DOWN

- 1 Fool
- 2 Exchanged promises
- 3 Love to Hug ___ (push doll)
- 4 Spots for spots?
- 5 Supplement
- 6 Pucklike
- 7 December number
- 8 Left behind
- 9 Slip-___
- 10 Summer Olympics event
- 11 With, in France
- 12 "___ Christianity" (C. S. Lewis book)
- 13 Quarry
- 16 Guacamole ingredient
- 20 Lhasa ___
- 24 Nickname composed only of Roman numerals



PUZZLE BY DANNY LAWSON

- 25 Moved up the corporate ladder, say
- 26 Many subjects of Scheherazade stories
- 27 Thus far
- 29 Bush appointee of 2006
- 30 Marilyn ____, singer with the 5th Dimension
- 31 "Oh, is that so?"
- 32 Embark on the Oregon Trail, say
- 34 Drawing pencil?
- 38 Indian rice dish
- 40 "That's better than I expected!"
- 43 Leader in the civil rights movement, in brief
- 44 Hunk
- 46 Since fore-e- ever
- 47 Praised
- 51 Pacific greeting
- 52 For
- 53 "Cut that out!"
- 54 Frazier in the Basketball Hall of Fame
- 56 Historically
- 57 Pop choice
- 58 Plantlike growth held up by gas-filled bladders
- 59 Piece of equipment for a telemarketer
- 61 Top gear

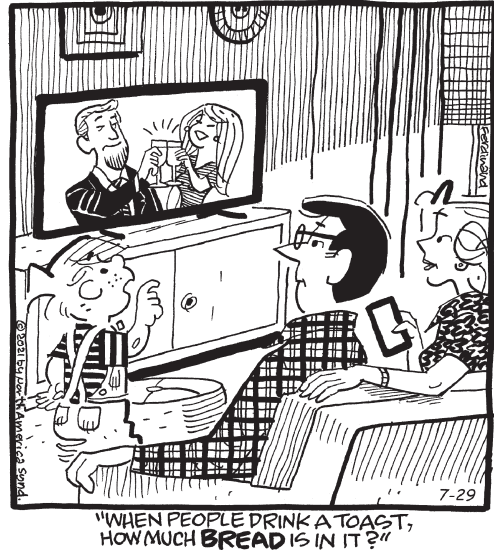
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



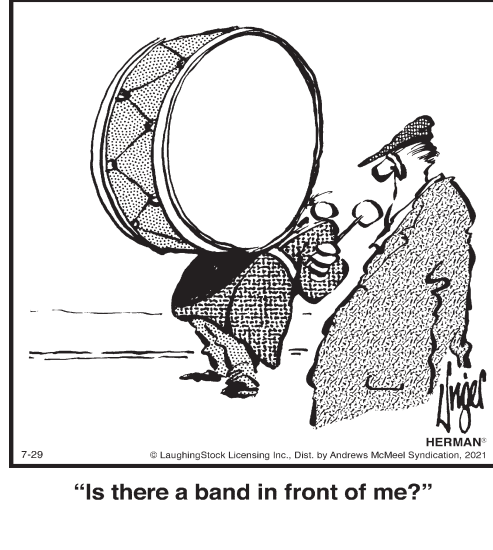
BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE

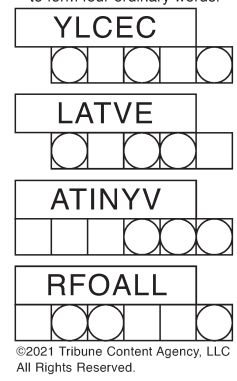


HERMAN



JUMBLE

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



THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

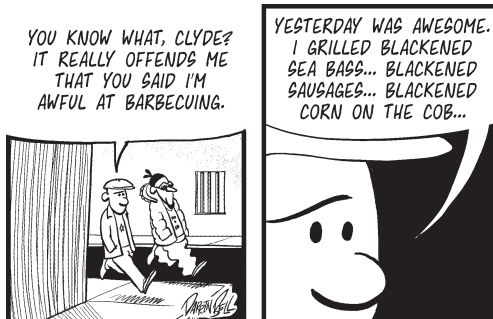


THE SIBLINGS HAD AMASSED AN AMAZING ASSORTMENT OF RARE COINS ---

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

Yesterday's Jumbles: FINAL SHAKY GLANCE WIGGLE
Answer: The ladies who wanted to sing karaoke lined up — "SING-GAL" FILE

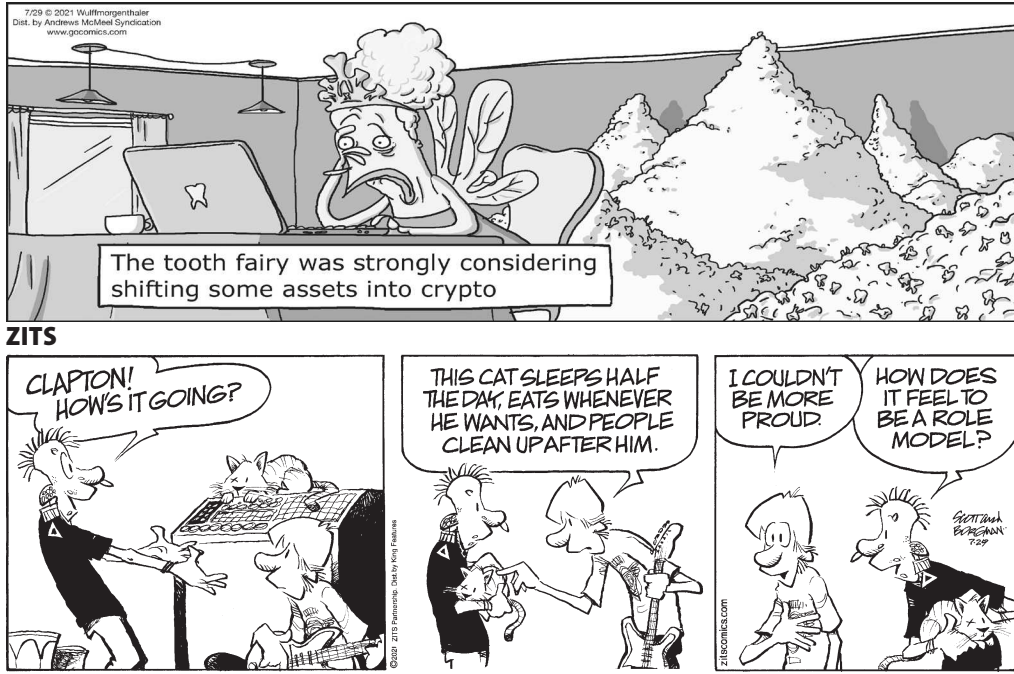
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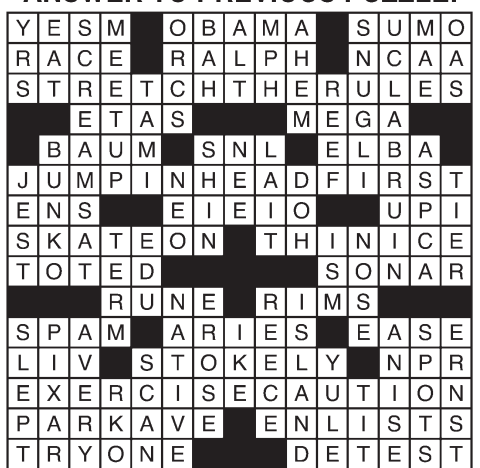
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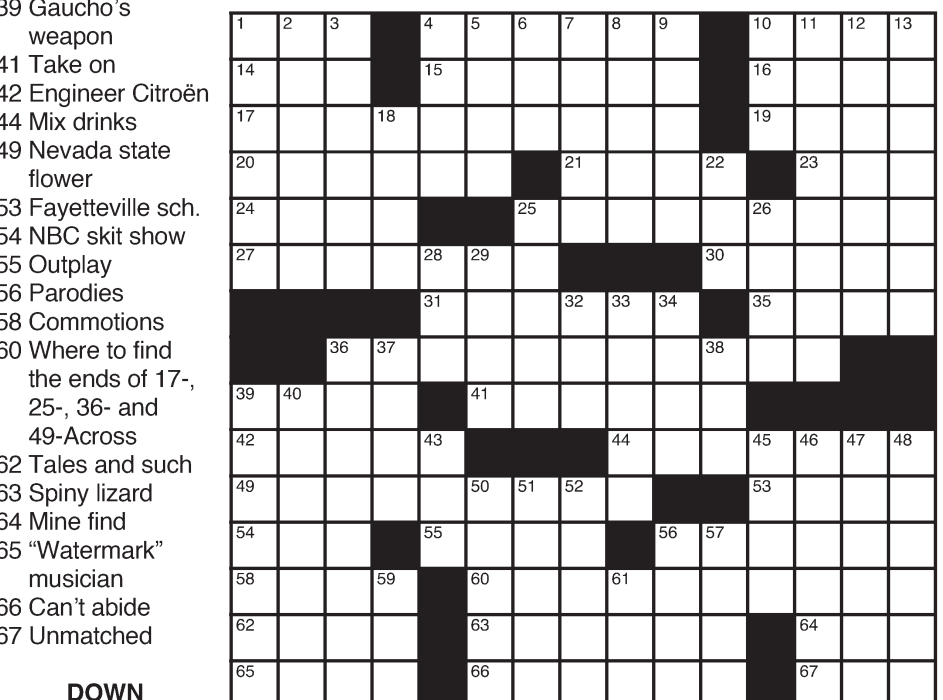
- ACROSS
- 1 Letters in a water molecule diagram
- 4 Slip by
- 10 Cook's protector
- 14 Vincent's agent in "Entourage"
- 15 Light cotton fabric
- 16 Actor Sharif
- 17 One of the only two NBA teams that share an arena
- 19 Web ___
- 20 Happens
- 21 Put on weight
- 23 Getaway
- 24 Pre-High Holy Days Hebrew month
- 25 Hive feature
- 27 Exit via the jetway
- 30 Stand for something
- 31 Dazzling displays
- 35 Distribute
- 36 Simplicity-based problem-solving principle
- 39 Gaucho's weapon
- 41 Take on
- 42 Engineer Citroën
- 44 Mix drinks
- 49 Nevada state flower
- 53 Fayetteville sch.
- 54 NBC skit show
- 55 Outplay
- 56 Parodies
- 58 Commotions
- 60 Where to find the ends of 17-, 25-, 36- and 49-Across
- 62 Tales and such
- 63 Spiny lizard
- 64 Mine find
- 65 "Watermark" musician
- 66 Can't abide
- 67 Unmatched

- 2 Soothsayer
- 3 Glitch
- 4 Qatari leader
- 5 Relay units
- 6 Payroll service initials
- 7 Sauce whose name means "please"
- 8 Kitchen wrap
- 9 Nail polish brand
- 10 Clean, in a way
- 11 "Beatles '65" song
- 12 Pepid rival
- 13 Show fear, maybe
- 18 Soothe
- 22 "Science Guy" Bill
- 25 Big wheels
- 26 Gear for stealth, briefly
- 28 Former nuclear agcy.
- 29 Indiana-based sports org.
- 32 Stubborn equine
- 33 Word in a court oath
- 34 Indistinguishable, with "the"
- 36 Stars and Stripes
- 37 Word with health or hair
- 38 Type of garden
- 39 Pub brand with a red triangle logo
- 40 Endlessly
- 43 Wane
- 45 Many old comedy teams
- 46 Sarcastic "So sad"
- 47 Manage to pay
- 48 Filed, in a way
- 50 Bridge term
- 51 Practice
- 52 Swaggering gait
- 56 D.C. group
- 57 Start to fall?
- 59 Coral, for one
- 61 Sweetie, in modern lingo

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:



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- DOWN
- 1 Like the moon, at times

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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

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

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			4	5	9			

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★