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Daily Bridge Club

Inviting trouble

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Cy the Cynic says that people who invite trouble shouldn't be surprised when it accepts.

In a team match, both Souths played at two spades after North opened 1NT and East bid diamonds. West led a diamond. One South swiftly took dummy's A-K to pitch a heart and next (not best) led the queen of trumps. East won and led a high diamond, ruffed.

West won the next trump and shifted to hearts. South ruffed the second heart and took his high trump — his last one — but West still had a trump. After South took one club, West had the rest. Down two.

OTHER TABLE

The second South was more circumspect. At Trick Two he led dummy's low trump: deuce, jack, king. When West innocently led another diamond to dummy, South threw a heart and led the queen of trumps. East won and forced with a diamond, but South could draw trumps and run the clubs, making four.

The first South invited trouble when he took a fast heart discard. What he needed to do was avoid a forcing defense and keep control of trumps.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ J 10 9 8 5 ♡ 10 3 ◇ 5 ♣ K J 8 5 3. The dealer, at your left, opens one club. Your partner doubles. The next player passes. What do you say?

ANSWER: To pass for penalty at the one level with a broken club holding and five spades would be an error. The opening bidder might win several club tricks; he might even make one club doubled when your side could make four spades. Bid one spade. If you held J 10 9 8 5, A Q 6, 5, 8 6 5 4, you might do more.

North dealer
Both sides vulnerable

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

WEST
♠ K 7 6 4
♡ Q 9 8 7 2
◇ 8 7
♣ 7 6

EAST
♠ A 2
♡ A K 5
◇ Q J 10 9 4 3
♣ 9 2

SOUTH
♠ J 10 9 8 5
♡ 10 3
◇ 5
♣ K J 8 5 3

North	East	South	West
1 NT	2 ◇	2 ♠	All Pass

Opening lead — ◇ 8

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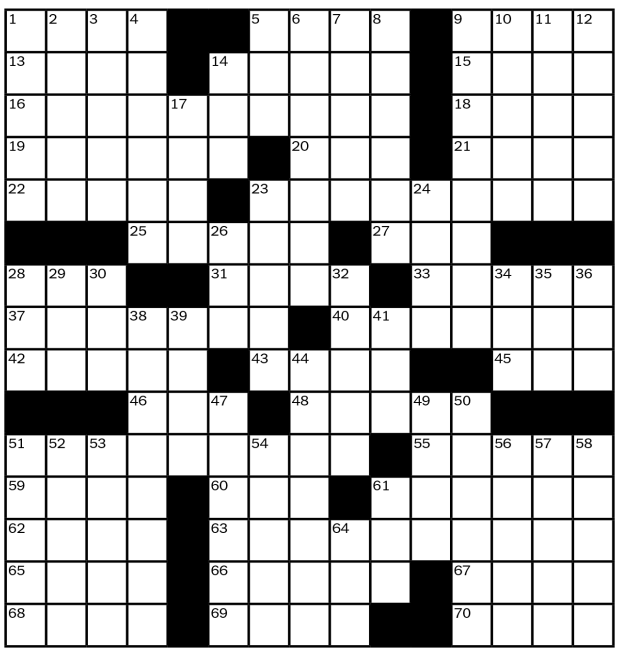

PUZZLE BY ALAN SIEGEL

ACROSS
1 Genre for the boy band BTS
5 Palm that yields deep purple fruit
9 Rotating barbecue rod
13 Befuddled state
14 Nut from an oak
15 Answer to Gollum's riddle in "The Hobbit" "This thing all things devours: Birds, beasts, trees, flowers ..."
16 Morning waker-upper
18 "Terrible" czar
19 ___ the Frog
20 Vigor
21 The one for Starbucks shows a two-tailed mermaid
22 Peeved
23 Step counter
25 Baghdad currency
27 Skin art, in brief
28 "Friend or ___?"
31 Furthermore
33 Upstate New York city
37 Orienteering aid
40 Trove of business contacts
42 Singing group often in robes
43 Wise one in "Star Wars"
45 "Didn't I call it?"
46 Helper for Santa
48 Upbeat and cheerful
51 What many a home movie was once shot on
55 Cocktail favored by Carrie Bradshaw on "Sex and the City"
59 Home of the N.B.A.'s Jazz
60 Goof up
61 Repeated verbatim
62 ___ fides (credentials)
63 Device that can replace 16-, 23-, 37-, 40- and 51-Across
65 Profession for many an M.I.T. grad: Abbr.
66 Do, re, mi, etc.
67 Guesstimate words
68 Aisle, window or middle, on a plane
69 Harbinger
70 Muscat's land

DOWN
1 Army uniform material
2 Like pastels compared to primary colors
3 Missouri's ___ Mountains
4 Set in waves, as hair
5 ___ tear (athlete's injury)
6 Cask makers
7 Rainbow-shaped
8 Receptacle into which a quill is dipped
9 Shoe sometimes called a "spike heel"
10 Turn on an axis
11 Publicist's concern
12 Pavarotti's vocal range
14 Part of a play
17 Skirt length that ends midcalf
23 ___-walsy (chummy)
24 Handle roughly
26 Music's Lil ___ X
28 5G-regulating org.
29 Reaction to fireworks
30 Moody music genre
32 Command accompanying a pounding gavel
34 Drivers' licenses and such
35 So-so grade
36 Body spray brand
38 Apt infographic for showing a bakery's sales
39 Woody's folk-singer son
41 Rowing implement
44 Perform surgery
47 Largest inland city in California
49 Single-serving coffee pod
50 "Hello-o-o-o!"
51 Shapes of most sugar lumps
52 Do penance
53 Japanese comics style
54 She may take your temp before tucking you in
56 Hurricane or typhoon
57 High-I.Q. group
58 Classical theater
61 Four of these make a gal.
64 Kylo ___ of "Star Wars"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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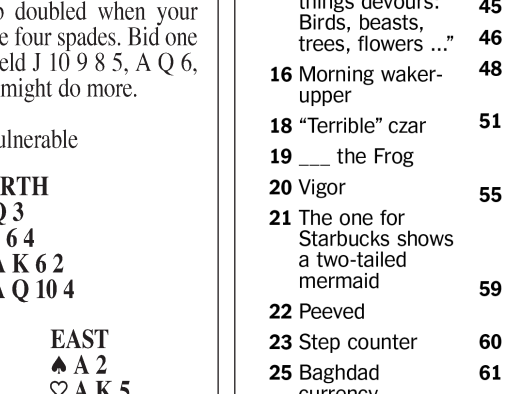

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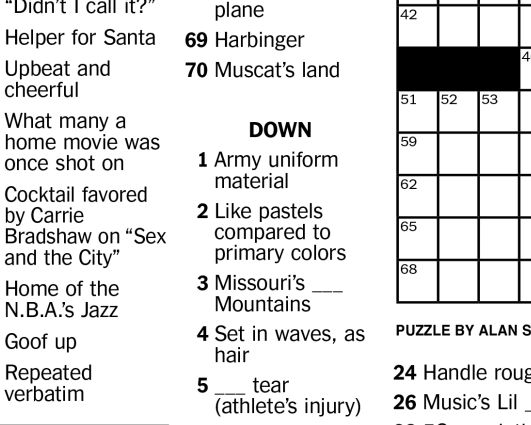

"Six months at Art College and you say, 'What's it s'posed to be'?"

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.

EKTNO
LOYID
NOGOAL
TBRUET

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

Answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: IMAGE THICK EQUATE TEACUP
Answer: When he started complaining about his job again, his wife told him to — QUIT IT

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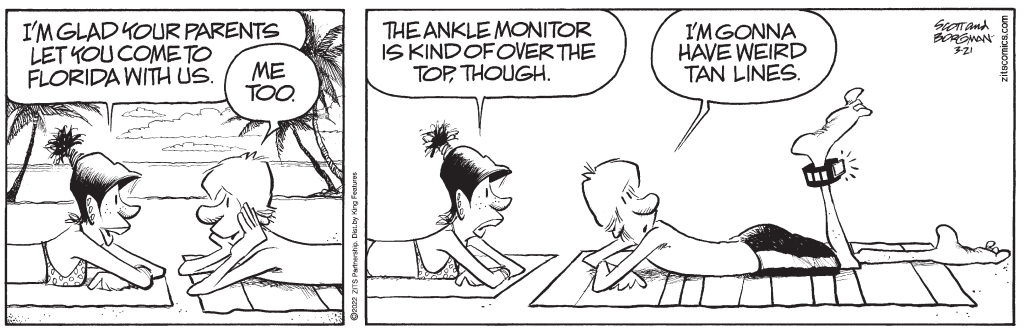
CANDORVILLE

WUMO

ZITS



SUDOKU

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

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

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SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU

SOLUTION:

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

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS
1 Caribbean resort island
6 __-centered: vain
10 Walmart warehouse club
14 Blood drive participant
15 One-named New Age singer
16 Coagulate, as blood
17 Bull's-eye location
19 "M*A*S*H" star Alan
20 "Wayne's World" co-star Mike
21 California city __-by-the-Sea
23 Sch. with a Phoenix campus
25 Result of a weak phone signal
28 Sushi bar soup
30 "Norma __": Sally Field film
31 Payments to landlords
32 Future attorney's study
35 Threesome
37 Maximum a country can borrow
41 Wild hog
42 "Blah, blah, blah," briefly
45 Allergic reaction
49 March Madness network
51 Inviting store sign
52 Pro team's selection from a pool of college players, say
56 Frying __: kitchen tool
57 Unwilling to hear, as criticism
58 Fairy tale bears count
60 Chair parts
61 U.S. capital whose location is a hint to 17-, 25-, 37- and 52-Across
66 Fencing sword
67 New York canal
68 Prince of Darkness
69 "I'm warning you"
70 Tear to shreds
71 Govt. security

DOWN
1 Total up
2 Caviar
3 Not entertained in the least
4 __ shop: auto repair site
5 Rainbow-shaped
6 Motion detector, e.g.
7 Strep-treating doc
8 Soap-making need
9 Travesty
10 In short supply
11 Brothers Duane and Gregg of rock
12 Classic Ford auto
13 Delays on purpose
18 Goof up
22 Cleverly skillful
23 Sound system part
24 Knight's title
26 Longtime Penn State football coach Joe
27 Prefix with scope
29 Grand __ Opry
33 "Who's on First?" straight man
34 Geneva-based commerce gp.
36 Land in l'eau
38 Pope's relig.
39 Sgt. or cpl.
40 Pinocchio's creator
43 Drink from leaves
44 Wolf Blitzer's channel
45 Discombobulated
46 Obnoxious sort, in slang
47 __-Dazs ice cream
48 Counterbalance
50 Gave 10% in church
53 Shrink in fear
54 White Sox, in line scores
55 Physicist __ Mach
59 "A Visit from the Goon Squad" writer Jennifer
62 "__ you okay?"
63 Sermon subject
64 Cheerios grain
65 Opposite of SSW

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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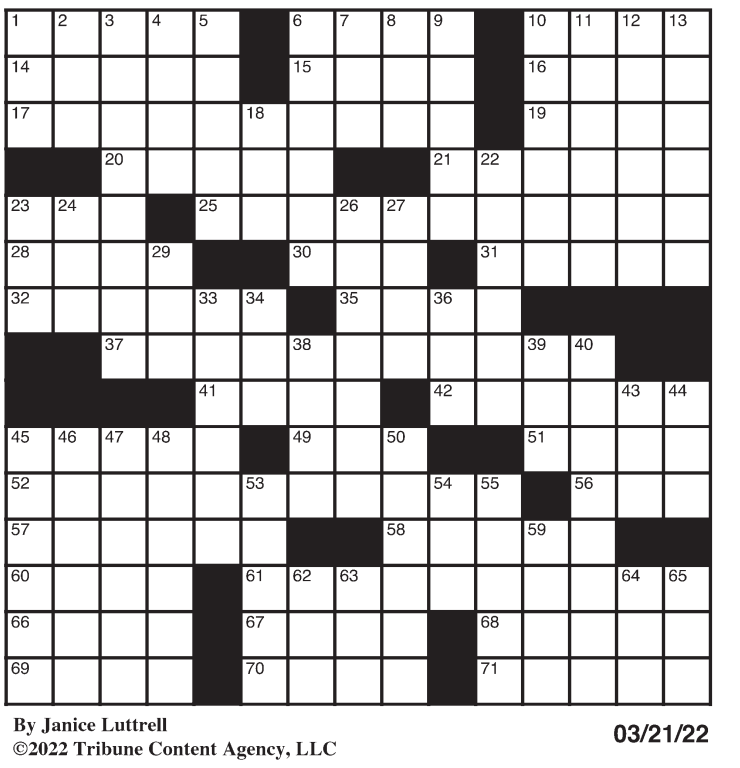

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