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Daily Bridge Club

Cy's rough landing

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Cy the Cynic habitually adopts the first line of play he sees as declarer. But jumping to a conclusion can result in a hard landing.

In a penny game at my club, Cy was South. He was happy to bid four spades at his second turn, especially since his king of clubs seemed to be well placed behind East, who had overcalled in clubs.

West duly led the eight of clubs, and East took the ace and returned the queen. When West unkindly ruffed Cy's king and led a trump, the Cynic was sunk. He won and led a club, but West ruffed in and led his last trump, leaving Cy with a club loser. Down one.

SIX-CARD SUIT

“How was I to know the man had a six-card suit for his overcall?” Cy grumbled, knowing in his heart that East would often have six.

Cy had an unhappy landing because he played as impulsively as ever. He must play a low club at Trick Two, preserving his king. If East leads another club, Cy plays low again. West can ruff for the defenders' third trick, but Cy takes the rest.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ 5 4 ♥ K 5 4 2
♦ Q J 8 5 3 ♣ 10 3. Your partner opens one club. The next player bids

one spade. What do you say?

ANSWER: If your opponent had passed, you would have responded in a red suit, but now you can't bid at the one level. “Negative doubles” handle this common situation. By agreement, a double shows enough strength to act (you have barely enough here) with diamonds (or club support) and hearts. Discuss with your regular partner.

South dealer
Both sides vulnerable

NORTH

♠ 5 4
♥ K 5 4 2
♦ Q J 8 5 3
♣ 10 3

EAST

♠ 9
♥ Q 8
♦ K 10 6 2
♣ A Q J 9 6 2

SOUTH

♠ A K Q J 6 2
♥ A 10
♦ A
♣ K 7 5 4

South 1 ♠
West Pass
North 1 NT
East 2 ♣

Opening lead – ♣ 8

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ACROSS

- Overly strict
- Black-tie affair
- Playfully make fun of
- Run away to get hitched
- Opera solos
- ___ vera
- In a state of confusion, as in math class?
- Singer Redding
- Electrical unit
- Prefix with functional
- Sources of academic funding
- Jet or Shark, in sports lingo
- Afrikaans speaker
- Muse of history
- Capital on the Nile
- Like melted chocolate
- Nickname for Louise

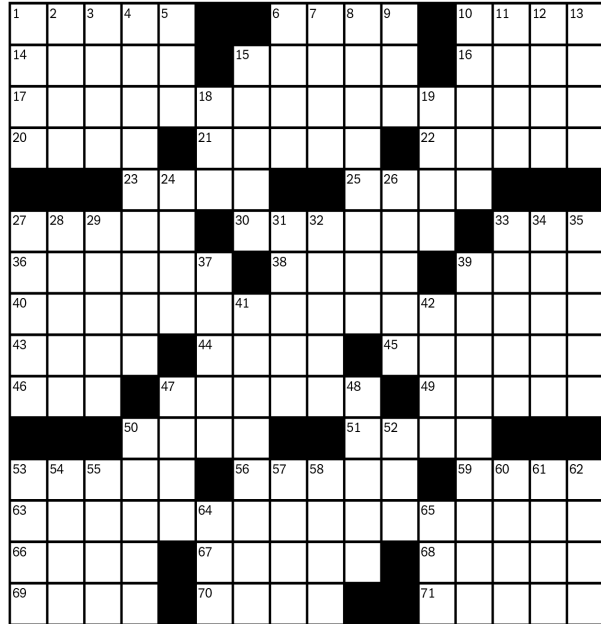
- In suspense, as in a tailor shop?
- It's hardly any matter at all
- Harriet's hubby on old TV
- Fulfiller of three wishes, in folklore
- Jar heads?
- “How've you ___?”
- What mowers mow

DOWN

- Untidy pile
- Vocal range for Adele and Cher
- Valentine's Day flower
- Messy slapstick reactions
- Put a jinx on
- Nickname for a mother's mother, maybe
- “___ It Fun” (hit song by Paramore)
- 2017 coming-of-age film that received nominations for Best Picture, Best Director and Best Actress
- Wild donkey
- Wild parties
- Pub pours
- Region
- Citrus shaving
- ___ Americans (about 6% of the U.S. population)
- Certain first responder, for short

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

SPEC SAY CAP
WOMAN CALAMARI
ILOSE SOLOPARTS
METHUSELAH DEFT
DEAROLD DAD BIO
DWARVES ODELL
ALTERNGRAMS
BARNES LASERS
BANDED TESLA
ATEST HOTCOMB
RPM STARTABLOG
SHOP HYPERBOLIC
TONECOLOR EVENS
ONEACTOR RERUN
WES SHY ROPY



PUZZLE BY PHOEBE GORDON

- Notable periods
- Region
- Island off the coast of Venezuela
- Receded, as the tide
- With deadpan delivery
- Annoys no end
- Time and time
- Actress Kirsten of “Spider-Man”
- Comic strip unit
- Rapper who co-founded Beats Electronics
- Weapon that delivers a shock
- Mushroom's reproductive cell
- Modern convenience at many movie theaters
- Look at the night sky
- Lead-in to present or potent
- Mob henchman, maybe
- Part of an act
- Parts of hats that are tipped
- Ingredient in soapmaking

- What Santa gives naughty children
- Opposed to
- Onetime Apple music player
- 11, in France
- Norse god played in film by Anthony Hopkins
- Bone that parallels the radius
- Hawaiian wreaths
- What a Swiss army knife has lots of
- Cry uncontrollably
- Shape of an intellectual's head, it's said

BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



JUMBLE

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

CTSER
CIBKR
RUTAME
NARSIP

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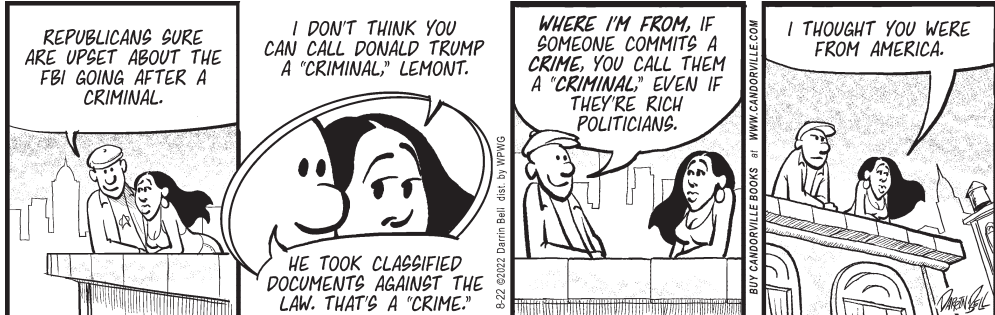
WITH 90 MANY DEMANDING PASSENGERS, THE FLIGHT ATTENDANT WAS FEELING SOME ---

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

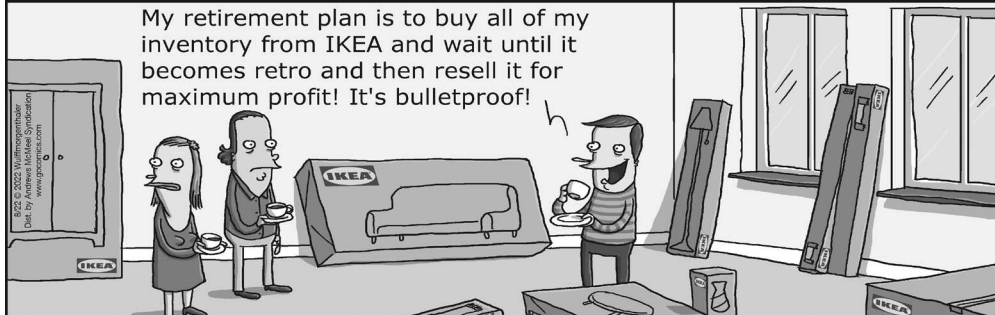
(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: SWEPT TOOTH RIPPLE BANDIT
Answer: Salisbury Cathedral's spire was built in 1320, but it's still --- IN TIP-TOP SHAPE

CANDORVILLE



WUMO



ZITS



SUDOKU

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

SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU

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

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				3		7	1	
9	1		5		6	3		
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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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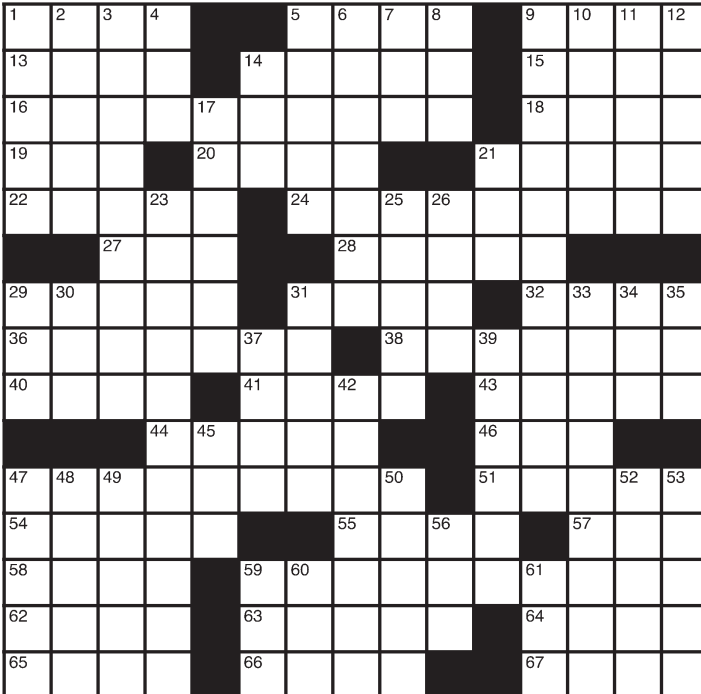
- Ongoing drama
- Pop up
- Volunteers in the community one grew up in, say
- Cord cutter?
- Take in or let out
- Reason to get all gussied up
- ___ Maria
- Spanish verb similar to “estar”
- Is completely comfortable
- Anticipate
- Vivacity
- Ed who played Lou Grant
- Playfully shy
- Share a bedtime story with
- Kvetching cries
- “Magically delicious” cereal
- Has on
- Norwegian city with a Viking Ship Museum
- Prefix with athlete
- “Apollo 13” director Howard
- Fine equine
- “Really? There's no more?”

- Tool set
- Wily
- Cold War initials
- Egyptian beetle
- Long-fingered lemurs of Madagascar
- “You've got mail” ISP
- Politely declines, maybe
- Development sites
- Greet and seat
- Very funny folks
- Terse refusal
- Total stranger, or a three-word hint to the answers to the starred clues
- Rx writers, often
- Animal logo on a Dodge truck
- ___-Wan Kenobi
- Caveat in a text

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

G	A	S	P			M	A	L	T		A	R	T	S
O	C	H	O	A		A	L	O	E		L	O	O	M
S	H	I	R	K		S	O	L	S	T	I	C	E	S
H	E	N	R	I	E	T	T	A	L	A	C	K	S	
			I	T	M	E			A	S	I	A		
	M	I	D	A	P	R	I	L		T	A	P	A	S
B	A	N	G		A	C	C	U	S	E		E	V	A
A	C	N	E		T	H	I	C	K		S	L	O	G
R	A	E		C	H	E	E	K	Y		P	L	I	E
B	U	R	Q	A		F	R	Y		B	R	E	A	D
			D	U	P	E			P	O	O	L		
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C	O	M	E	A	G	A	I	N		E	N	O	K	I
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- Walk like a peacock