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Daily Bridge Club

Antique deal

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In the antique trade, an object must be 100 years old before it is deemed "antique." Today's famous deal is younger; it arose 75 years ago.

East-West were Charles Goren and Helen Sobel. Against two hearts, Sobel cashed the K-A of diamonds. Goren played the nine and deuce, and when Sobel continued with the jack, South threw a club loser from dummy (not best) instead of ruffing high or low at the cost of a trump trick. Goren discarded the jack of clubs.

CARD SENSE

Helen Sobel had remarkable card sense. At Trick Four she led the NINE of clubs. Goren won with the king and returned a club, and Sobel won and led a fourth diamond. When dummy discarded, Goren ruffed with his ten of trumps, and when South overruffed with the queen, Sobel's J-8-6 was worth the setting trick.

Unless the defense cashes its club winners first, the "uppercut" fails: South discards another club from dummy.

2025 is the centennial year of contract bridge. Let's hope it's not antiquated by then.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ Q J 7 ♡ Q 9 7 5 ◇ 10 5 4 ♣ Q 8 4. Your partner opens one club, you respond one heart and he bids one spade. What do you say?

ANSWER: Since your partner did not jump at his second turn, he has fewer than 19 points. You scraped up a response with seven junky points, hence your game chances must be next to zero. Pass. Opener's non-jump change of suit is not forcing. One spade will be a playable contract, or no worse than anything else.

West dealer
Neither side vulnerable

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

WEST
♠ 6 5
♡ J 8 6
◇ A K J 8 7 3
♣ A 9

EAST
♠ 10 9 4 3
♡ 10 3
◇ 9 2
♣ K J 10 7 3

SOUTH
♠ Q J 7
♡ Q 9 7 5
◇ 10 5 4
♣ Q 8 4

West	North	East	South
1 ◇	Dbl	Pass	1 ♡
2 ◇	2 ♡	All Pass	

Opening lead — ◇ K

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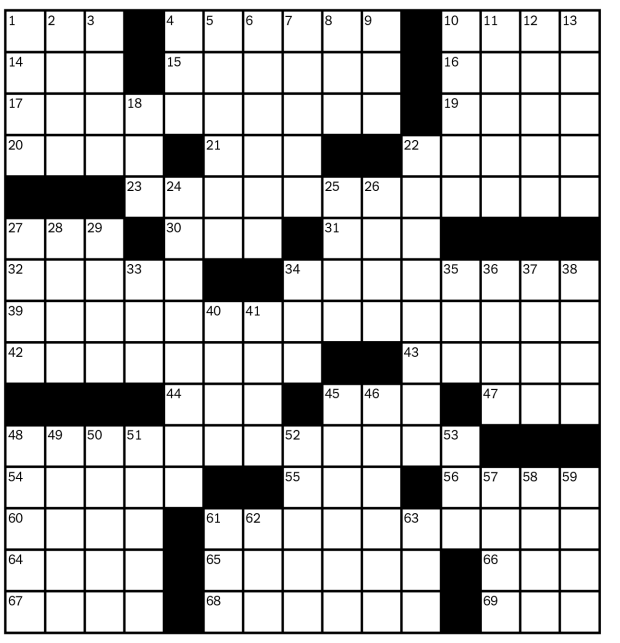

PUZZLE BY MICHAEL PALEOS

ACROSS

1 Repo job
4 ___ gel (drying agent that comes in small packets)
10 Upscale hotel amenities
14 "Nasty!"
15 Sneaker brand in a Run-D.M.C. hit
16 Gather
17 Breakfast cereal with a toucan mascot [69-Across!]
19 Mediterranean erupter
20 Cause of a mascara streak
21 "Star Wars" cantina patrons, for short
22 Hold sway
23 Team that broke the "Curse of the Bambino" in 2004 [69-Across!]
27 Reef dweller
30 Group that often elects officers in Sept.
31 Aurora's Greek counterpart
32 Reward for giving a paw
34 Didn't move
39 Triple Crown winner of 2015 [69-Across!]
42 Time for parting shots?
43 "Buffalo soldier, dreadlock ___": Bob Marley
44 Fury
45 "Clear now?"
47 Ax
48 Video game franchise featuring Sub-Zero and Sonya Blade [69-Across!]
54 Word with green or pearl
55 "Traffic was terrible," maybe
56 Designer Gucci
60 One-term president
61 "Pour Some Sugar on Me" rockers [69-Across!]
64 Mahjong piece
65 Largish jazz combos
66 National Gallery architect
67 A lot of these tend to go to waste
68 Like the smell of fresh pine
69 [not my typo]

DOWN

1 Clump of grass
2 Dungeons & Dragons monster
3 "Easy there!"
4 H.S. hurdle
5 Least active
6 Ray of "GoodFellas"
7 "Not true what you say about me!"
8 Gown go-with
9 Buffoon
10 King Midas's vice
11 Hairy cryptids
12 Tropical flavor
13 Big name in shapewear
18 Planet, to a poet
22 Place for a pit stop
24 A sight for sore eyes?
25 Like a half-moon tide
26 With 35-Down, savings plan option
27 And others, for short
28 Humorist Bombeck
29 Some jeans
33 Verb with thou
34 NBC hit since 1975, in brief
35 See 26-Down
36 "Gee whiz!"
37 "It has caused a lot of problems in this world, but it has not solved one yet," per Maya Angelou
38 Sign of spring
40 Fast Lewis
41 Supermodel Wek
45 Said "cheese," say
46 Field where Jackie Robinson played
48 "Carpe diem," for one
49 Sign in a radio booth
50 Rummage (through)
51 "___ adorbs"
52 Leaving for
53 Like some water
57 Track units
58 Trois : French :: ___ : German
59 Like many of Horace's works
61 Business index, with "the"
62 Prefix with friendly
63 "Gangnam Style" rapper

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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

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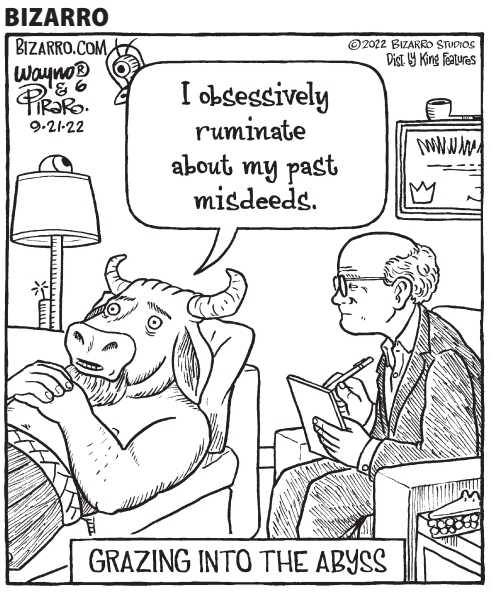


DENNIS THE MENACE

HERMAN

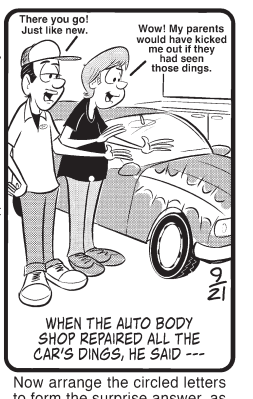
"I only got halfway there and it ran out of gas!"

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.

DYDDA
RIKSE
OATTPO
DORUNG



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

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"___-___"

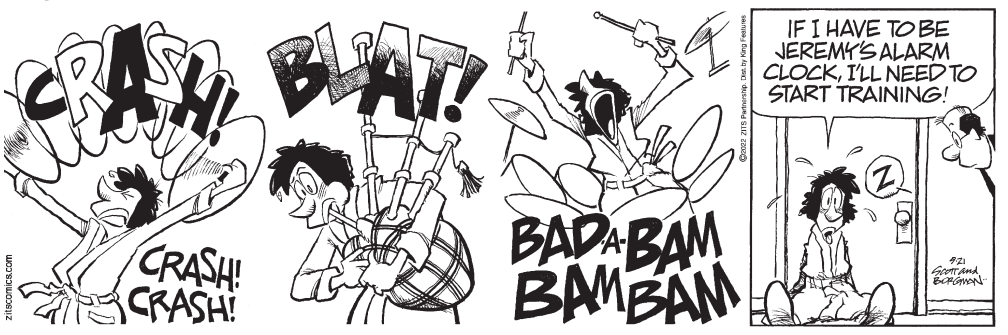
(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: STRUM WEDGE LESSON DAINTY
Answer: She stitched the fabric together and thought it would hold, — "SEW" IT "SEAMED"

CANDORVILLE

WUMO

ZITS



SUDOKU

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

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

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU

SOLUTION:

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

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

1 Thwack
5 Informed (of)
10 Compensation
14 Tuck out of view
15 Wrinkled
16 Many a univ. donor
17 365 days
18 Rub ingredient
19 HBO political satire starring Julia Louis-Dreyfus
20 Impractical way to get dressed?
23 Barack and Michelle's eldest daughter
26 Family room
27 Impatient
28 Lives
30 Cookie fruit
31 Planning meeting for the costume department?
35 "Stop filming!"
38 Broody sorts?
39 Sir or sri
40 More than dislike
41 Donkey
42 Disappointing sign on a store selling warm-weather garments?
44 GPS display
45 Small village
46 Food cart snacks in South Asia
49 Texting letters
52 Swerves
53 Really pulls off a jacket?
56 Initial poker bet
57 Japanese noodle dish
58 Carried debt
62 Appear to be
63 "You __ kidding!"
64 Grow tiresome
65 Jekyll's counterpart
66 Basil-based sauce
67 Yields, as a profit

DOWN

1 Bashful
2 Blip on a polygraph, maybe
3 Hugo-nominated novelist Palmer
4 Continues
5 "One more thing ... "
6 Totally beat
7 Ouzo flavoring
8 Scouting mission, briefly
9 Garden with forbidden fruit
10 Fluttering in the wind
11 Warning signal
12 Ballpark figure
13 Like cans in a recycling bin, hopefully
21 Doth own
22 Fall flat
23 Anime genre featuring giant robots
24 Wheel-connecting rods
25 NFL team whose mascot is named Roary
29 Punchline lead-in
30 __ and blood
32 "Pull up a chair"
33 Corp. computer exec
34 Fuzzy sitcom star of the 1980s
35 "The Grouchy Ladybug" writer/illustrator
36 Out-and-out
37 Tries, as one's patience
40 Place of origin
42 Cheerios grains
43 "__ Nagila": Israeli folk song
44 Defiant retort
46 Cymbal sound
47 Bee product
48 Performed
49 Open up, in a way
50 Fast-spreading social media posts
51 Fragrance
54 Hip hop genre
55 "I'm __ your tricks!"
59 Pint-size
60 "Mangia!"
61 Many profs

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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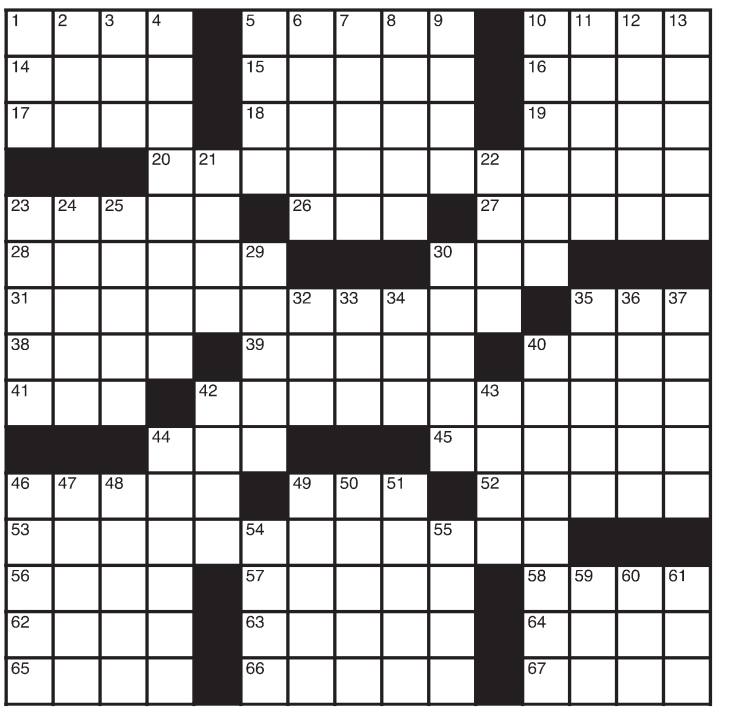

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