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Daily Bridge Club

Interactive play

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The Internet has added new dimensions to bridge instruction. Ever wished you could play the deals in a book or column interactively? You can now. The best and inexpensive such a product is BridgeBee. You receive daily emails with interesting deals to play, plus expert commentary.

In today's deal, you play at 6NT (BridgeBee comments on the bidding). West leads a spade. You have 11 tricks; you probably need a fourth heart.

How do you proceed?

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To judge how to play the hearts, you need a distributional count. Start by leading the nine of diamonds.

You win the spade return and cash the ace of diamonds — and East pitches a club! When you take your other winners, you find that West had four spades and two clubs plus five diamonds, so you know how to play the hearts: Cash the K-Q, then lead to your ten.

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DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ A Q J 10 ♡ A 10 3 2 ♢ A 9 ♣ Q 7 3. You open 1NT, your partner responds two clubs, you bid two spades and he then bids 2NT. The opponents pass. What do you say?

ANSWER: Your partner has a game-invitational hand, and since he used Stayman to check for a 4-4 major-suit fit but didn't raise your spades, he has hearts. Jump to four hearts. With 17 high-card points plus two tens, your hand is an absolute maximum for your 1NT opening.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ K 5
♡ K Q 5
♢ 7 6 5 4 2
♣ A K 6

WEST
♠ 9 8 7 6
♡ 6 4
♢ K J 10 8 3
♣ 9 8

EAST
♠ 4 3 2
♡ J 9 8 7
♢ Q
♣ J 10 5 4 2

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 10
♡ A 10 3 2
♢ A 9
♣ Q 7 3

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	4 NT	Pass
6 NT	All Pass		

Opening lead — ♠ 9

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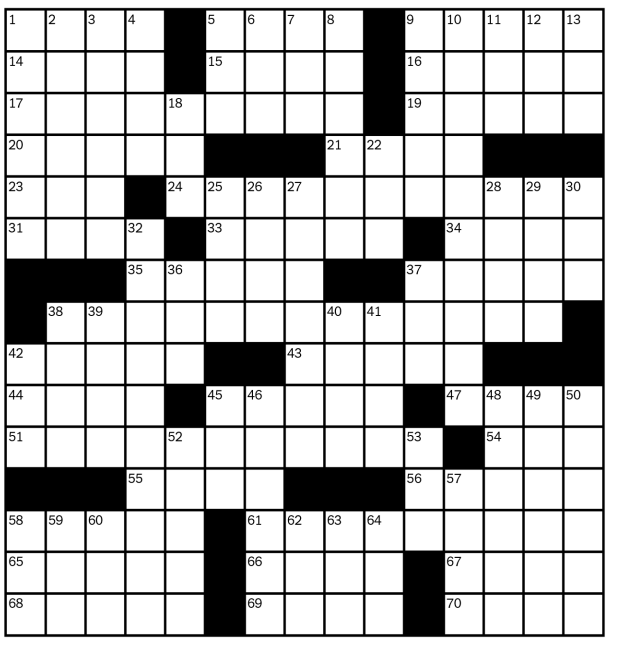

PUZZLE BY CARYN L. ROBBINS

ACROSS
1 Cain's brother
5 Like a stereotypical fairy-tale stepmother
9 Not sleeping
14 Kind of list with check boxes
15 "S.N.L." alum Carvey
16 For real, colloquially
17 One who asks "Ehh ... What's up, doc?"
19 Flying solo
20 Feeling of anxiety
21 Latin singer ___ Anthony
23 Casualty of casual Fridays
24 Cartoon character who once had a "Club" named after him
31 Belgrade native
33 John who wrote "Death Be Not Proud"
34 Hosted, informally
35 Serving a purpose
37 Race with a baton
38 Iconic magazine cover figure who asks "What, me worry?"
42 Terrible mistake
43 Magna ___
44 Response to a relatable meme, in internet slang
45 South and Central American mammal related to the raccoon
47 Snare
51 Second-in-command on the U.S.S. Enterprise
54 Mother of 1-Across
55 Baseball legend Willie known as the "Say Hey Kid"
56 Infuriate
58 Send elsewhere, as to a specialist
61 "You have my full attention" ... or something 17-, 24-, 38- and 51-Across might say?
65 Hollywood representative
66 Golfer's warning shout
67 In addition
68 Mocking retort to Captain Obvious
69 Village People classic with a pantomimed chorus
70 Many a new driver

DOWN
1 Opportunities to face a pitcher
2 Having a concern for wealth and respectability, in slang
3 Like humor that's even more far out
4 Like Bo-Peep's sheep
5 College URL ender
6 Vehicle for moving day
7 Traveler's stopover
8 Nonexperts
9 Jarring noise at 6 a.m.
10 Something just outside the front door
11 Back in time
12 Family members
13 Summer: Fr.
18 Comic book sound effect
22 Popeye's assent
25 "This'll be the day that ___" (final words in the song "American Pie")
26 Icy
27 Middle of the leg
28 The Bruins of the N.C.A.A.
29 Connery who played James Bond seven times
30 Ice cream mogul Joseph
32 Bill of fare at a smorgasbord
36 Author Capote, to friends
37 "Same old" place to be stuck
38 Prefix with lock or freeze
39 Hasty escapes
40 Peacekeeping grp. since 1949
41 Obama attorney general ___ Holder
42 Resident of a virtual "City"
45 Weep
46 Harden into bone
48 Entertain lavishly
49 Opposed (to)
50 ___, place or thing
52 You are here
53 ___ Kan (dog food brand)
57 Served without ice, at a bar
58 Participated in a marathon, e.g.
59 Cause of a swelled head
60 Put coins into, as a meter
62 Honoree of many classic tattoos
63 Circle part
64 Meadow

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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

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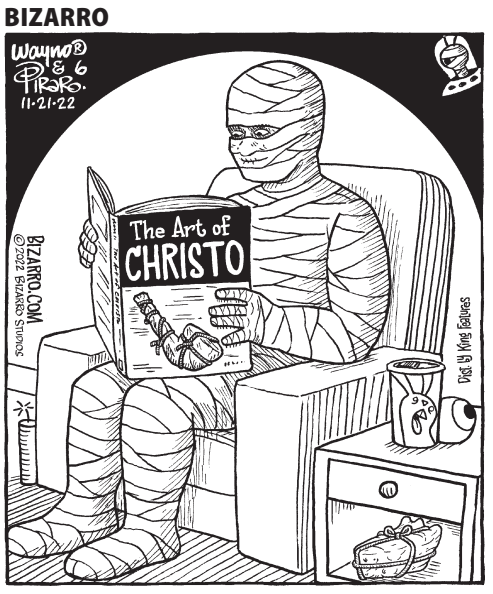
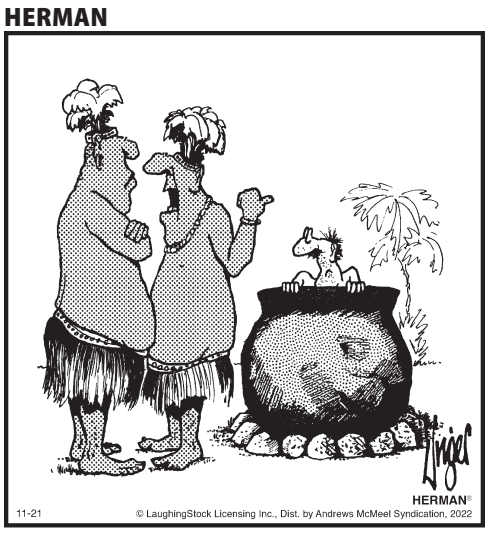


DENNIS THE MENACE

HERMAN



"Forget it. I'm never gonna get THAT hungry."

JUMBLE

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

PAPYL

USISE

SKYCOT

SEREMU

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
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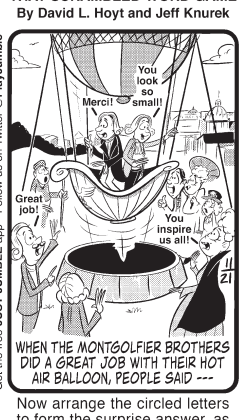


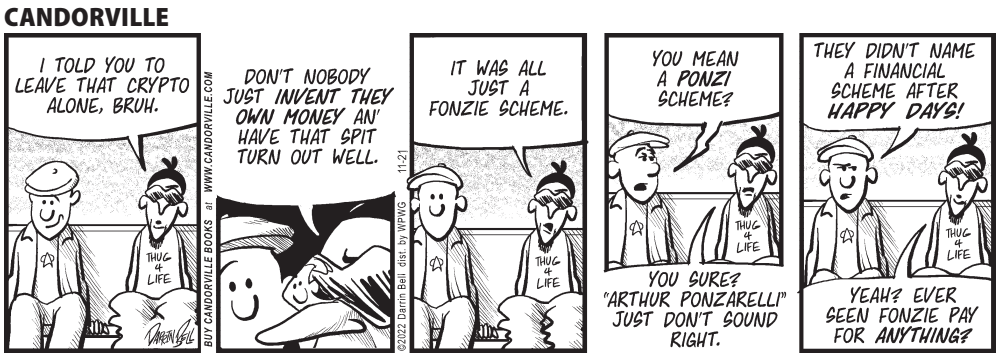
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print your answer here: ◯◯◯◯◯ ◯◯◯ ◯◯◯

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: PUPIL DAILY AFLOAT ENROLL
Answer: When the king kept changing his mind on the wizard's spells, it became — A ROYAL PAIN

CANDORVILLE



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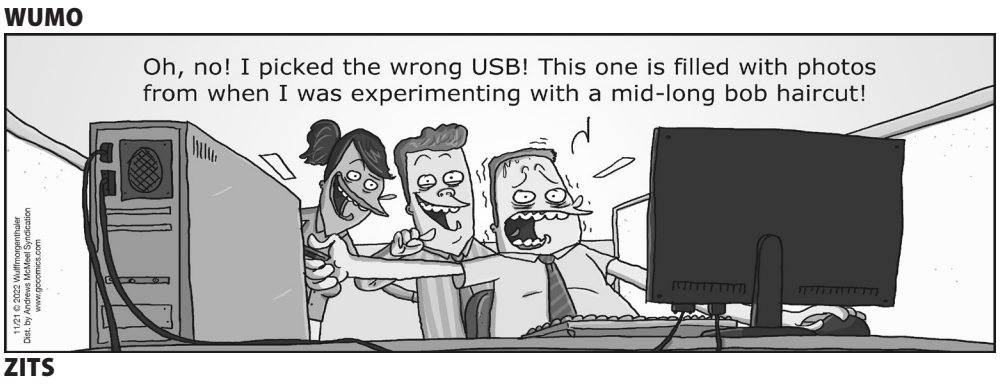

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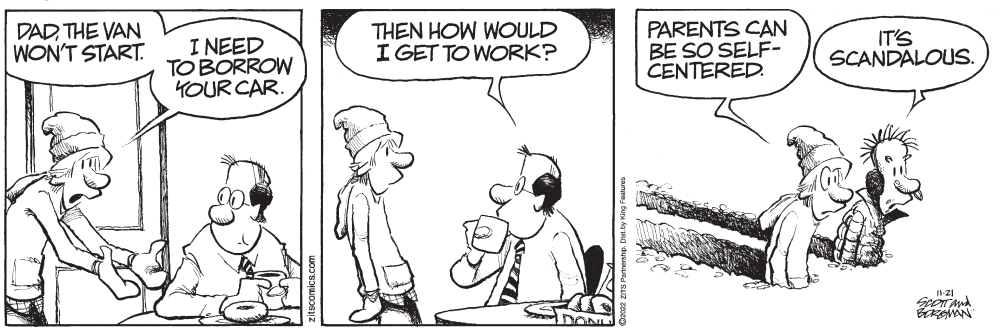

SUDOKU

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

SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU

SOLUTION:

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

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

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS
1 "Skedaddle!"
6 CSI stuff
9 Word before act or action
14 Hockey venue
15 "Am __ the right track?"
16 Underworld
17 *Song sung by sailors
19 Feathers in a duvet
20 Consumed
21 Desktop computer originally sold in Bondi Blue
22 Stuffs to the gills
23 "Vous __ ici": "You are here," in French
25 *"Huzzah!"
28 World __ of Poker
30 Homophone of 31-Across
31 Homophone of 30-Across
32 Old fast fliers: Abbr.
33 Fishing spot
35 Not bad, not great
36 *Yosemite monolith in the 2018 documentary "Free Solo"
39 Quick swims
42 Auth. unknown
43 Meadow bleats
46 Top pitcher
47 Payable now
48 __ Bros. Discovery: media conglomerate
50 *Actress who played Elliott's mom in "E.T."
54 Roof overhang
55 "I'll __ to that!"
56 Computer giant
58 Hustle, quaintly
59 Bee's defense
60 Stretch of chilly weather, and what the first words of the answers to the starred clues amount to, phonetically?
62 In the future
63 Mine lode
64 Quick and nimble
65 Bright-eyed
66 Spider creation
67 Made docile

DOWN
1 Merit badge holders
2 Makes from scratch
3 Bookworms
4 Reply to a ques.
5 Half a menu fish
6 Blues singer Washington
7 V-shaped slit
8 "__ news?"
9 Chintzy
10 Church attendees
11 Expanded, as a collection
12 Playground fixtures for two
13 Outdated geopolitical letters
18 Singer-songwriter Tori
22 Cricket or squash
24 Web pages
26 Enjoyed home cooking
27 "__-hoo! Over here!"
29 Course for intl. students
33 Comic strip unit
34 Wall St. launch
35 Catch
37 Tub sealant
38 Atty.'s group
39 Pa
40 Beverage that may be served with a lemon slice
41 Looking (in)
44 California home of the Angels and the Ducks
45 Rossini's "The Barber of __"
47 Warning sign word
48 Fuse using heat
49 Walked unsteadily
51 Pained reaction
52 Crush on
53 A-lister
57 Future atty.'s exam
59 "Murder, __ Wrote"
60 Dairy farm animal
61 Links org.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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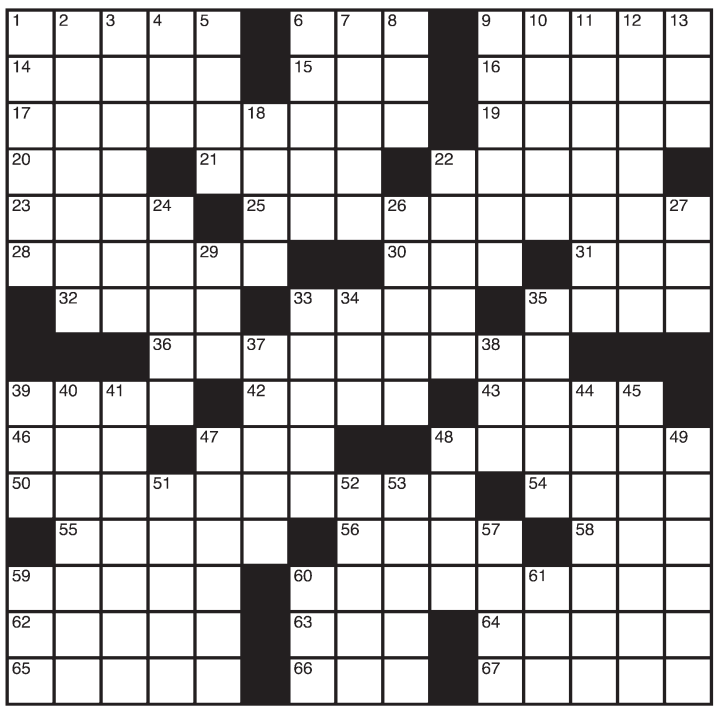

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