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### Daily Bridge Club

## Sound the alarm!

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Cy the Cynic seldom gets to the club before noon.

"You should arise early and meet the day," I told Cy. "Don't you have an alarm clock gathering dust somewhere?"

"My bed and I are just right for each other," Cy said. "An alarm clock would break us up."

Cy could use some type of warning signal at the bridge table — to stop him from playing impulsively. When Cy was today's East, West led the nine of diamonds against three hearts. South won with the ace and led the queen of trumps, and the Cynic hastily took his king and returned a diamond.

one spade, you respond two hearts and he raises to three hearts. The opponents pass. What do you say?

**ANSWER:** Your partner may have no extra strength; still, if he has no more than A K Q 7 4, K 9 7 5, 3 2, 3 2, you will be a favorite to make six hearts. Cue-bid four clubs. Even if partner signs off at four hearts, you can try once more by cue-bidding five diamonds.

North dealer  
E-W vulnerable

**NORTH**  
♠ 7 4  
♥ 8 7 4  
♦ K J 10 6  
♣ Q 7 6 5

**WEST**  
♠ K J 10 8 3  
♥ 9 3  
♦ 9 7  
♣ J 8 4 3

**EAST**  
♠ A Q 9  
♥ A K 5  
♦ 8 5 4 3 2  
♣ 9 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ 6 5 2  
♥ Q J 10 6 2  
♦ A Q  
♣ A K 10

North	East	South	West
Pass	1♦	1♥	1♠
Pass	2♠	Dbl	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

Opening lead — ♦ 9

#### DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ 6 5 2 ♥ Q J 10 6 2  
♦ A Q ♣ A K 10. Your partner opens

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# The New York Times Crossword

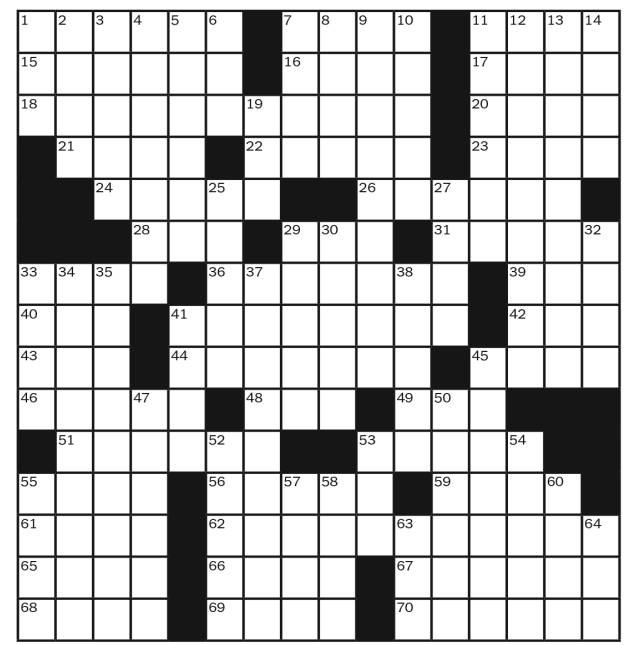
Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0119

- ACROSS**
- 1 Source of the line "The meek shall inherit the earth"
  - 7 Dramatic exhalation
  - 11 One of the two main branches of Islam
  - 15 Something not often seen on roofs anymore
  - 16 World capital on a fjord
  - 17 Collectible caps of the 1990s
  - 18 \*Bygone Crayola color
  - 20 Case for small toiletries
  - 21 Superman's adoptive family name
  - 22 Penthouse perks
  - 23 Org. affected by Title IX
  - 24 Buildup at the mouth of a river
  - 26 Utterly convinced of
  - 28 Do some stitching
  - 29 Large wine vessel
  - 31 Regarding
  - 33 Tools with teeth
  - 36 Narcissistic trait
  - 39 Govt. pill-approved body
  - 40 "\_\_\_ bin ein Berliner"
  - 41 \*Sweet, healthful treat
  - 42 Very long time
  - 43 Member of cable news
  - 44 Brutish
  - 45 Departed
  - 46 Driving force?
  - 48 Cul-de-\_\_\_
  - 49 Month après avril
  - 51 Deprived (of)
  - 53 They're rounded up in roundups
  - 55 Singer Bareilles
  - 56 Citizens of Dubai and Abu Dhabi
  - 59 Workers' rights org. since 1965
  - 61 Butting heads
  - 62 \*World's largest terrestrial arthropod
  - 65 Puerto \_\_\_
  - 66 Turnpike expense
  - 67 Actor Mickey of "The Wrestler"
  - 68 Pastry decorator
  - 69 Salacious stuff
  - 70 "Hold on ... almost ...!"

**DOWN**

- 1 Friend
- 2 Partner of hide
- 3 Partner of dangerous
- 4 Disney's Nala, for one
- 5 Mickey of the Yankees
- 6 Like a wink or a nudge, maybe
- 7 Many sopranos' songs
- 8 Part of an archipelago
- 9 Item waved at a rave
- 10 "In what way?"
- 11 Opposite of saves
- 12 \*Sign in a deli window, perhaps
- 13 Large, herbivorous dinosaur that could walk on two legs
- 14 Difficult area to maintain control of in the game Risk



PUZZLE BY OLIVIA MITRA FRAMKE

- 19 Perón of Argentina
- 25 Annoying, ignorable sort
- 27 The letter "I" in Pixar's logo
- 29 "And there you have it!"
- 30 Storage space under rafters
- 32 Vent vehemently
- 33 "The King and I" setting
- 34 Like many Cirque du Soleil performers
- 35 \*Staple of Japanese cuisine
- 37 Where visitors may stay
- 38 "So \_\_\_!" (sarcastic retort)
- 41 Cost of a ride
- 45 Like some roomy jeans
- 47 Figure of speech?
- 50 Childish comeback
- 52 Word repeated in "\_\_\_ are \_\_\_"
- 53 "As Seen on TV" channel
- 54 "My bad"
- 55 Garment whose name sounds like 54-Down
- 57 Rights org.
- 58 Flash of lightning
- 60 Word that can follow either half of the answers to the starred clues
- 63 Large tea vessel
- 64 "You wanna \_\_\_?"

#### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



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#### BIZARRO



#### DENNIS THE MENACE



#### HERMAN



#### JUMBLE

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

CNRIE  
GAMIE  
TNARSD  
GRIEHH

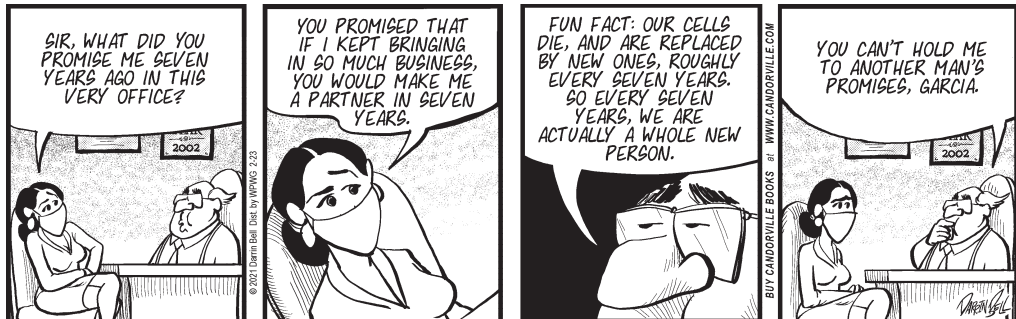
THE ROCKER HAD BEEN IN THEIR FAMILY FOR GENERATIONS, AND THEY WOULD ...

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

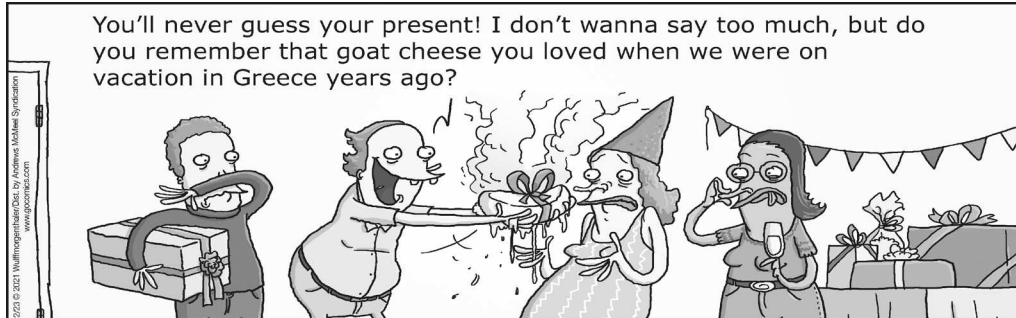
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Yesterday's Jumbles: CLOWN FUDGE MUMBLE ZIGZAG  
Answer: After helping her dad install the floor joists, she was — BEAMING

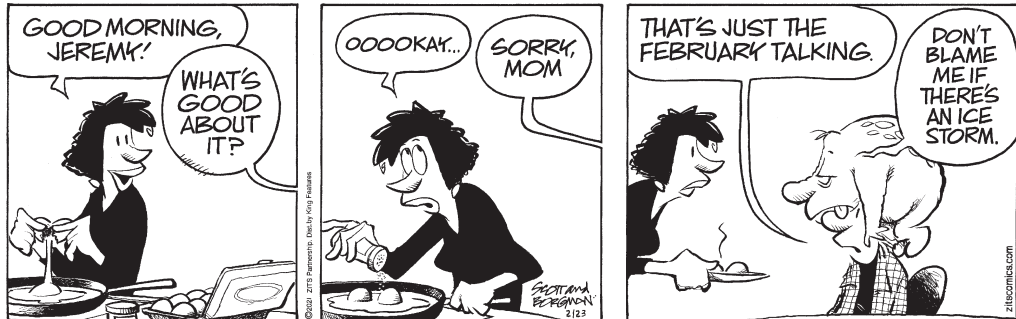
#### CANDORVILLE



#### WUMO



#### ZITS

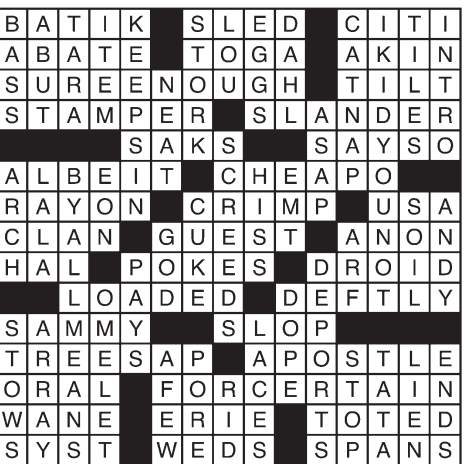


## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Some artists' quarters
  - 6 Come to a halt
  - 10 About, on a memo
  - 14 All-\_\_\_: versatile machine
  - 15 Bizet's "Habanera," for one
  - 16 Handle roughly
  - 17 Holiday bloom
  - 19 Sketchbooks
  - 20 USO show audience
  - 21 All lathered up
  - 22 Magical lamp dweller
  - 23 Jong and Durance
  - 25 Oscar winner Kingsley
  - 26 Taft's University of Cincinnati position
  - 33 Things sometimes found under a tree
  - 35 Wolf cries
  - 36 1959 folk hit with the line "Charlie couldn't get off of that train"
  - 37 Burden
  - 38 Gave out cards
  - 39 Animal house
  - 40 Time of your life
  - 41 Prolonged battle
  - 42 Number that's part of a nap
  - 43 UPS vehicle
  - 46 \_\_\_ Plains
  - 47 Familiarize
  - 50 Rice or wheat
  - 53 "Dilbert" creator Adams
  - 56 Day for voting: Abbr.
  - 57 Sleek, in car talk
  - 58 Parlor pieces, and a hint to each set of circles
  - 60 Dryer trap target
  - 61 MLB Tiger, for one
  - 62 Artist Max
  - 63 Grandson of Adam
  - 64 Heap affection (on)
  - 65 Continues intensely, as a storm
- DOWN**
- 1 Feudal lord
  - 2 Broadcasting
  - 3 Natural gas, coal, etc.
  - 4 Atlanta-based station
  - 5 Goes up and down
  - 6 Pamplona parlor
  - 7 Vacation choice
  - 8 Like a slippery garage floor
  - 9 Remit
  - 10 Be about to happen
  - 11 Palindromic bread
  - 12 Designer Gernreich
  - 13 "What \_\_\_ can I do?"
  - 18 Singer Diana
  - 22 Hair products
  - 24 Lions and tigers
  - 25 Lightning flash
  - 27 Support the team
  - 28 Composer Carmichael
  - 29 Young hooter
  - 30 Online advertising
  - 31 Arguing
  - 32 \_\_\_ a one: none
  - 33 Prod
  - 34 "Bus Stop" playwright
  - 38 Fizzles out
  - 39 Centers of activity
  - 41 Norse name similar to Stephen
  - 42 To a greater degree
  - 44 Numbskulls
  - 45 Campus cadets' org.
  - 48 Care for
  - 49 Exams
  - 50 \_\_\_-force winds
  - 51 Equestrian's strap
  - 52 River of Pisa
  - 53 Farm storage unit
  - 54 Tech news site
  - 55 Shrek, e.g.
  - 58 Bundle of cash
  - 59 Altar in the sky

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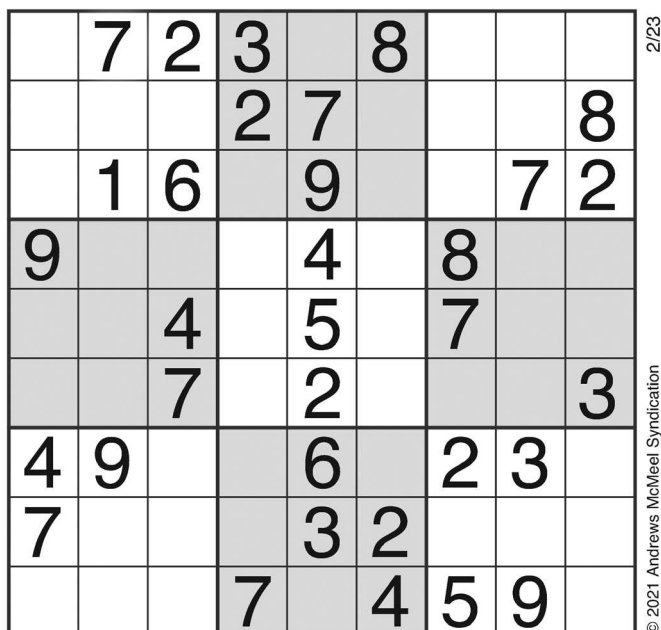
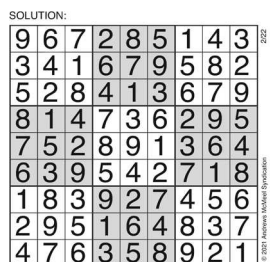


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## SUDOKU

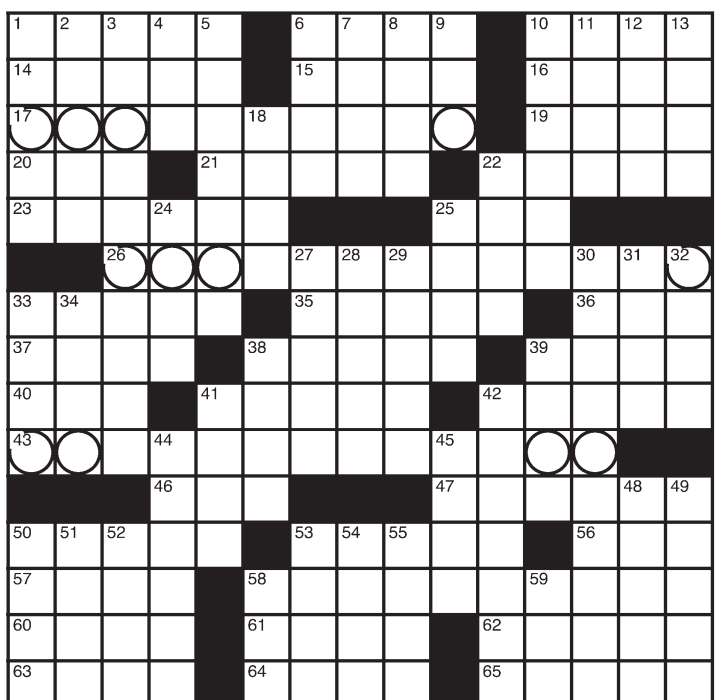
Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

#### SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU



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