### Daily Bridge Club

# Mortality conference

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"I've written you before about my hypochondriac husband," a reader's e-mail states. "If we visited the Dead Sea, he would ask what it had died of. His condition is better — he takes a placebo for it — but he still postmortems every deal.

"In a duplicate game, my husband was East. At four spades, South won the first diamond, drew trumps, took two more diamonds and led dummy's seven of hearts: five, deuce, ace. I returned a heart: eight, jack, king. South then led a third heart to my husband's queen.

"My hubby then led the six of clubs: four, jack, king. South led a club to his ten, making a valuable overtrick. My husband still wonders whether he erred.

### **DEMISE**

East caused the defenders' demise. He could play an honor on the first heart lead. If South played the king, West could win and return a heart, and East could win and exit with a heart. Then South must break the clubs and lose a club.

On the actual play, East prevails by leading the NINE of clubs, not the six.

### **DAILY QUESTION**

You hold: ♠ Q 9 8 2 ♥ K 9 2 ♦ O 6 3 ♣ A 10 4. Your partner opens one diamond, you respond one

spade and he raises to two spades. What do you say?

ANSWER: To pass would be slightly timid; your hand is barely worth a try for game. Bid 2NT to give your partner options. If he likes your game chances, he can raise to 3NT or jump to four spades. If not, he can sign off at three spades or, with a hand such as K 10 4, 8 7 6, A K J 5 4 2,

North dealer Neither side vulnerable

3, at three diamonds.

NORTH **♠** A K 10 3 ♥ 10 8 7  $\Diamond A K J$ 

**♣** K 8 3 WEST **EAST ♠** J 5 ♥ Q J 5 ♦ 5 2 ♥A643  $\Diamond 109874$ 

♣ J 5

**SOUTH ♠** Q 9 8 2  $\Diamond 063$ ♣ A 10 4

North West East South **Pass** Pass **Pass** All Pass

Opening lead  $- \diamondsuit 10$ 

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### **SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?**

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### The New York Times Crossword

### **ACROSS**

- 1 Actress/TV host
- weekdays, for short
- **10**  $33^{1}/3$  r.p.m.
- records 13 Satan's doings
- 14 One who's
- habitually afraid **16** Constitutional proposal supported by the National Woman's Party,
- for short 17 "Scenter" of the face
- 18 Musical key with
- Man ("The Wizard of Oz"
- 24 "Without further

- 27 Annual science

- 32 Ballyhoos
- 36 Like the newest
- informally 38 No longer
- perfume)
- 41 Verv 42 Banned
- character)
- 22 Wandered off
- 25 Harp-shaped
- constellation

- fiction awards
- 30 Snake in "Antony
- 34 Celestial bodies
- gadgetry,
- employed: Abbr. 39 Winnie-the-\_ (Dior
- three flats
- 20 "You did it!"

- 51 Times before
- Pinkett Smith 28 China's Chairman 53 Deliverer of a
  - of Martin and Cleopatra"
    - brief 56 February 29
      - \_-country (music genre)
      - 61 Music genre for
      - 63 Dog in Oz
      - 64 Cry to a toreador
      - 65 Monster slain by Perseus
  - 43 Lead-in to -stat 44 "Ant-Man and the 67 Unhappy
    - 68 Tirades
  - 45 Relative of a Jamaica steam bath
  - 47 Narrow inlet 48 Actor Mahershala

pollutant, in brief

1 Liz's best friend 49 City NNW of Detroit

# **ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

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- eves, in ads noted speech upon the death Luther King Jr. (4/4/1968), in
- 58 Acquired lots of, as money
- Billie Eilish

- 66 Nincompoop
- " (2018 film)
  - **69** St. \_\_\_ Bay,

### **DOWN**

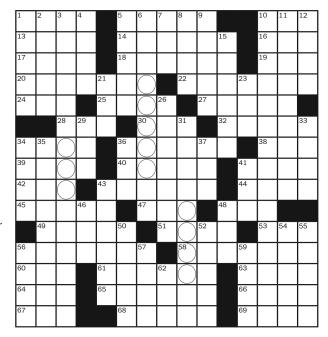
- on "30 Rock" 2 Shun
- 3 Completely confused
- 4 Away from the wind, at sea
- 5 "Star Trek" doctor 6 Lara Croft, in film 7 Conflict in 2017's "Wonder

Woman," in brief

- 8 Light browns 9 Foam
- 10 "Loosen up!" or a hint to this puzzle's circled letters
- 11 "High" figure in a tarot deck

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### **PUZZLE BY PORTIA LUNDIE**

- 12 Beach 34 Antonyms: Abbr. composition
- 15 Noted sex Jay-Z therapist
- 21 Musical artist 36 "That'll be the "from the block," day!" familiarly
- **37** Corp. V.I.P. 23 In the past
- 26 Queens neighborhood Potter books
- 29 What's left in a two fireplace
- 31 Layer of soil that never thaws 48 Question
- 33 Octagonal street
- 35 Record label co-founded by

- 41 Messenger bird in the Harry
- 43 Bicycle built for
- 46 Tiny bite
- 50 Horse whisperer,
- 55 They may be hard to untie

54 Naturally belong

52 Patatas bravas,

calamares and

56 Vientiane's land 57 Who says "When you look at the

dark side, careful

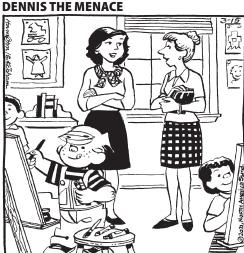
- you must be" 59 "At Last" singer
- **James 62** Wordplay joke

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♣Q9762



ELS

"HA...YOU SURE HE WASN'T TALKING ABOUT HIS PARENTS?" "Dennis said he's TURNING 70 THIS YEAR.7

# **HERMAN**

D U O T N T



"You'd be in a lousy mood too, if you had to deal with twits

# one letter to each square to form four ordinary words **MPOHO** SIOTH **RAWNDO TARMOL**

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TURBO

clarify things - IN OTHER WORDS

Knowing about synonyms makes it easy to

53 Underdog's

lodgings 56 Mary-Kate, to

Ashley

57 Mah-jongg piece

victory Roadside

## **ARTHROPODCAST**

**CANDORVILLE** 



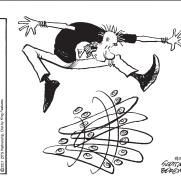


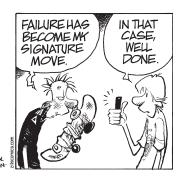




# **WUMO** Before you joined the army, did you by any chance play a lot of Fortnite?





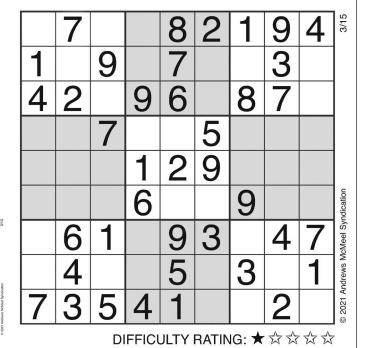


# SUDOKU

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

### **SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU**

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





like this every day."

shoppers' aids

37 Cable TV's Nat

Wild 38 Hyphenated fruit

drink brand

sense

desire

Saturday's Answer:

33 Grocery

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

- **ACROSS** 1 What a regular
- often ord "the"
- 6 First of a cereal

number

- box trio 10 Box score
- 14 See 5-Down 15 Dorothy's dog 16 Distinctive vibe
- 17 Sauce with basil 18 Like many cars sold online
- 19 "Jurassic Park" predator 20 Youngster,
- 23 Antlered Yellowstone

metaphorically

- beast 24 Lao Tzu's "way"
- \_\_City: computer
- game 28 Stick a stake in, as a vampire
- 32 Dry-eyes solution 34 Manual filing
- target? 35 Toddler's monster deterrent
- 39 Brings on board 41 Luau neckwear
- 42 He played Grant on "Lou Grant"
- 46 Poi source 47 One of four in five
- 48 Theater walkways
- 53 Hesitant utterances 54 Behind-the-

scenes money

- 43-Across 61 Elton or Lennon
- 64 Garlicky mayo 65 CNN anchor Burnett
- name 67 King of rock 'n' roll 68 Spinning toys

- 1 Officials calling
- 4 Italian wine region
- 6 Experiencing writer's block,
- say
- 7 Light snack 8 Bit the dust
- 11 Car's blinker 12 "Roses\_
- red .. 13 Collectors'
- 21 Secluded valley 22 Eucalyptus
- the next room 27 Urban transit
  - 29 "The Naked and
- 43 Morning awakener
- 50 Before, in poems Misérables"
- source ... and a hint to the start of 20-, 35- and
- 66 Great Lake with the shortest
- 69 Apt word found in 'accident'

### Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis DOWN

- 2 Trickle 3 Cold War initials
- 5 With 14-Across, soccer's GOAT, to many
- 9 Online talk show 10 Fill until full
- item?
- eater 26 Response from
- systems 28 Take a breath
- Norman
- the Dead" author 30 Hook's vessel 31 Wide awake
- I S A A C STTROPEZ TORTOISE S P O T P A
- 40 Incense-sensing 58 PBS science series 44 Scared, with "out" 59 Yale students 45 Hindu god of 60 Heed a bailiff's order 49 Tel Aviv's land 61 Hot tub feature 52 Drum type 62 Spanish gold ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE: ONSAF S

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