## 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, 3, at three diamonds.

North dealer Neither side vulnerable

> NORTH **♠** A K 10 3 ♥ 10 8 7 ♦ A K J

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

**4** 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
- 5 The five weekdays, for short
- **10**  $33^{1}/3$  r.p.m.
- records 13 Satan's doings
- 14 One who's
- **16** Constitutional proposal supported by the National
- for short 17 "Scenter" of the face
- 18 Musical key with
- Wizard of Oz"
- character)
- 22 Wandered off
- 25 Harp-shaped

INNEEDOF

STEPHANIE

- fiction awards
- 32 Ballyhoos
- 34 Celestial bodies 36 Like the newest
- gadgetry, habitually afraid informally
- 39 Winnie-the-Woman's Party,
- 41 Verv
- three flats
- 20 "You did it!"
- 24 "Without further
- constellation

- 27 Annual science
- 30 Snake in "Antony
- 38 No longer employed: Abbr.
- \_ (Dior perfume)

pollutant, in brief

43 Lead-in to -stat

45 Relative of a

47 Narrow inlet

49 City NNW of

Detroit

steam bath

48 Actor Mahershala

H E L G A

42 Banned

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE** 

P E C S H E R S T O R I E S

T E A C H E A R T H A T L A S T I E I N

SATIATED NANOS

T H E W E S T W I N G D U E N O N O N S E N S E E F T S

O V E R T D I S H I T O U T

DIRGESTARWARS

CARPS SPOIL

BORSCHTBELT

- Man ("The

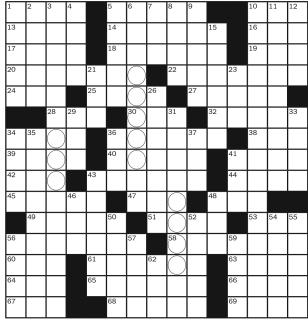
- 51 Times before eves, in ads
- Pinkett Smith 28 China's Chairman 53 Deliverer of a noted speech
  - upon the death of Martin and Cleopatra" Luther King Jr. (4/4/1968), in brief
    - 56 February 29 58 Acquired lots of, as money
    - \_-country (music genre)
    - 61 Music genre for
    - Billie Eilish 63 Dog in Oz
    - 64 Cry to a toreador
    - 65 Monster slain by Perseus
  - 66 Nincompoop 44 "Ant-Man and the 67 Unhappy
    - " (2018 film) 68 Tirades
      - **69** St. \_\_\_ Bay, Jamaica

## **DOWN**

- 1 Liz's best friend 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**

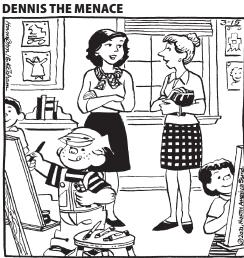
- 12 Beach 34 Antonyms: Abbr.
- composition 15 Noted sex
- therapist
- 21 Musical artist "from the block,"
  - day!" familiarly **37** Corp. V.I.P.
- 23 In the past 41 Messenger bird in the Harry 26 Queens
  - neighborhood Potter books 43 Bicycle built for
- 29 What's left in a two fireplace 46 Tiny bite 31 Layer of soil that
  - never thaws 48 Question
- 33 Octagonal street 50 Horse whisperer,
- 52 Patatas bravas, calamares and 35 Record label co-founded by Jay-Z
- 54 Naturally belong 36 "That'll be the 55 They may be
  - hard to untie 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



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

## **HERMAN**

NERDCORE

DUOTINIT



"You'd be in a lousy mood too, if you had to deal with twits like this every day."



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

Print your answer here Saturday's Julibies Answer:

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TURBO Knowing about synonyms makes it easy to

suggested by the above cartoon

## **CANDORVILLE**

PEOPLE WHO WANT TO RAISE THE MINIMUM WAGE TO \$15 AN HOUR ARE OVERLOOKING THE MOST IMPORTANT FACT...





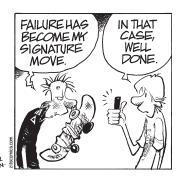










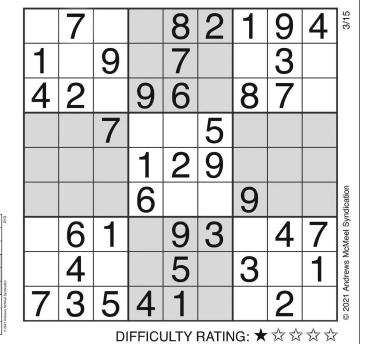


# SUDOKU

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





# Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

33 Grocery

Wild

drink brand

45 Hindu god of

49 Tel Aviv's land

sense

desire

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

**DOWN** 

3 Cold War initials

soccer's GOAT,

4 Italian wine

region 5 With 14-Across,

to many

say 7 Light snack

6 Experiencing

8 Bit the dust

10 Fill until full

12 "Roses\_

red ..

item?

eater

13 Collectors'

22 Eucalyptus

21 Secluded valley

26 Response from

27 Urban transit

28 Take a breath

systems

Norman

30 Hook's vessel

31 Wide awake

the next room

the Dead" author

11 Car's blinker

writer's block,

9 Online talk show

1 Officials calling

2 Trickle

- **ACROSS** 1 What a regular often ord
- "the" 6 First of a cereal
- box trio 10 Box score
- number
- 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 Youngster, metaphorically
- 23 Antlered Yellowstone
- 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"
- 43 Morning awakener
- 46 Poi source 47 One of four in five
- 48 Theater walkways
- 50 Before, in poems Misérables"
- 53 Hesitant utterances 54 Behind-thescenes money

source ... and a

hint to the start of 20-, 35- and 43-Across 61 Elton or Lennon

63 Boxer's foursome

64 Garlicky mayo 65 CNN anchor Burnett

66 Great Lake with

- the shortest name 67 King of rock 'n' roll
- 68 Spinning toys 69 Apt word found in 'accident'
  - 70 Tenant's contract ©2021 Tribune Content Agency, LLC

53 Underdog's

clarify things - IN OTHER WORDS

- shoppers' aids victory Roadside 37 Cable TV's Nat lodgings 56 Mary-Kate, to 38 Hyphenated fruit
  - Ashley 57 Mah-jongg piece 58 PBS science
- 40 Incense-sensing series 44 Scared, with "out" 59 Yale students

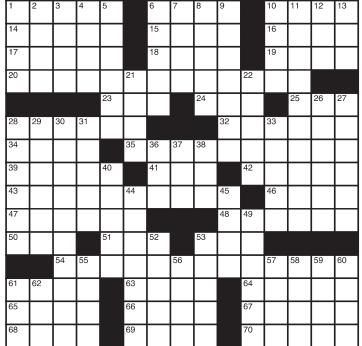
### 60 Heed a bailiff's order 61 Hot tub feature

#### 52 Drum type 62 Spanish gold ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE: S|W|A|T|H|E ONSAF S S

KINSEY O|R|C|E|R|E|RI N C A R E TONEAGE ВІО SNERD ELFIN OER A|L|A| I|O|U T|E|E PEOPLESCOURT GRETATHUNBERG CONFISCATION STUREN L O B JE I S A A C NOG 29 "The Naked and STTROPEZ VETOER

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