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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."

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
♠ J 5
♥ A 6 4 3
♦ 10 9 8 7 4
♣ J 5

EAST
♠ 7 6 4
♥ Q J 5
♦ 5 2
♣ Q 9 7 6 2

SOUTH
♠ Q 9 8 2
♥ K 9 2
♦ Q 6 3
♣ A 10 4

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All Pass

Opening lead — ♦ 10

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DAILY QUESTION

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

SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?

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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

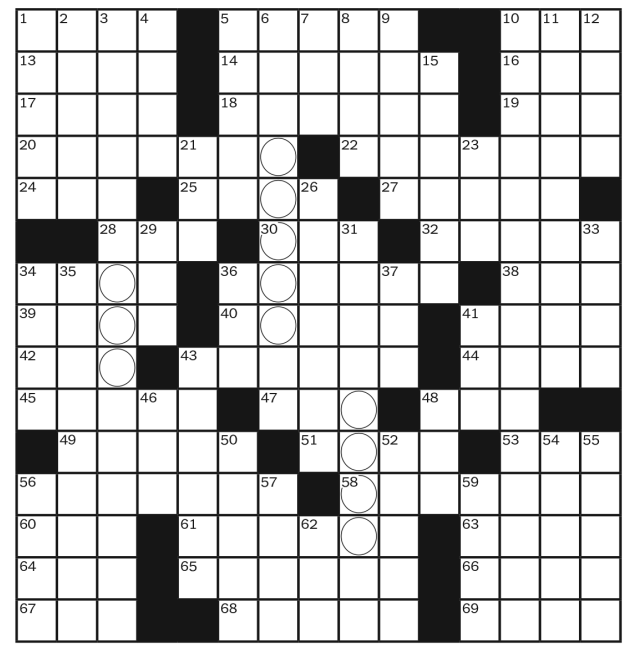
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ACROSS

- 1 Actress/TV host — Pinkett Smith
- 5 The five 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 three flats
- 19 ___ Man ("The Wizard of Oz" character)
- 20 "You did it!"
- 22 Wandered off
- 24 "Without further ..."
- 25 Harp-shaped constellation
- 27 Annual science fiction awards
- 28 China's Chairman
- 30 Snake in "Antony and Cleopatra"
- 32 Ballyhoos
- 34 Celestial bodies
- 36 Like the newest gadgetry, informally
- 38 No longer employed: Abbr.
- 39 Winnie-the-___
- 40 J'___ (Dior perfume)
- 41 Very
- 42 Banned pollutant, in brief
- 43 Lead-in to -stat
- 44 "Ant-Man and the ___" (2018 film)
- 45 Relative of a steam bath
- 47 Narrow inlet
- 48 Actor Mahershala
- 49 City NNW of Detroit

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

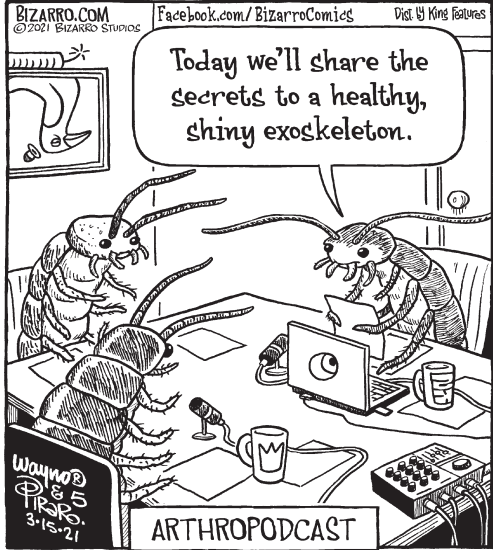


PUZZLE BY PORTIA LUNDIE

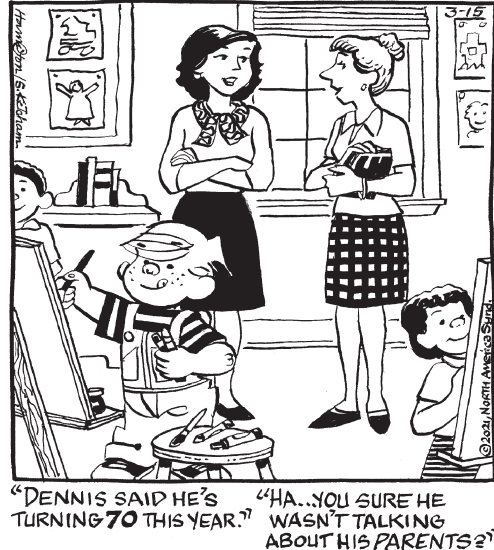
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



JUMBLE

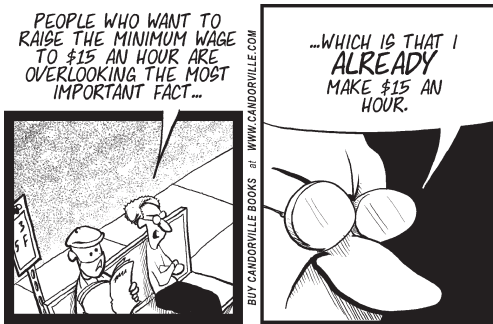
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

MPOHO
SIOTH
RAWNDO
TARMOL

Print your answer here: " _____ - _____ "

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CANDORVILLE



WUMO



ZITS



Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

- 1 What a regular often orders, with "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
- 20 Youngster, metaphorically
- 23 Antlered Yellowstone beast
- 24 Lao Tzu's "way"
- 25 ___ 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
- 51 "___ Misérables"
- 53 Hesitant utterances
- 54 Behind-the-scenes 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

DOWN

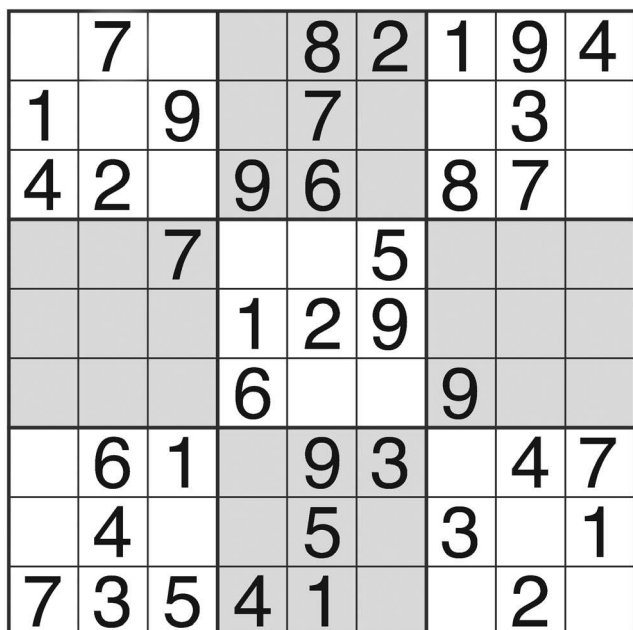
- 1 Officials calling strikes
- 2 Trickle
- 3 Cold War initials
- 4 Italian wine region
- 5 With 14-Across, soccer's GOAT, to many
- 6 Experiencing writer's block, say
- 7 Light snack
- 8 Bit the dust
- 9 Online talk show
- 10 Fill until full
- 11 Car's blinker
- 12 "Roses ___ red ..."
- 13 Collectors' item?
- 21 Secluded valley
- 22 Eucalyptus eater
- 26 Response from the next room
- 27 Urban transit systems
- 28 Take a breath
- 29 "The Naked and the Dead" author Norman
- 30 Hook's vessel
- 31 Wide awake
- 33 Grocery shoppers' aids
- 36 Sick
- 37 Cable TV's Nat ___ Wild
- 38 Hyphenated fruit drink brand
- 40 Incense-sensing sense
- 44 Scared, with "out"
- 45 Hindu god of desire
- 49 Tel Aviv's land
- 52 Drum type
- 53 Underdog's victory
- 55 Roadside lodgings
- 56 Mary-Kate, to Ashley
- 57 Mah-jongg piece
- 58 PBS science series
- 59 Yale students
- 60 Heed a bailiff's order
- 61 Hot tub feature
- 62 Spanish gold

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

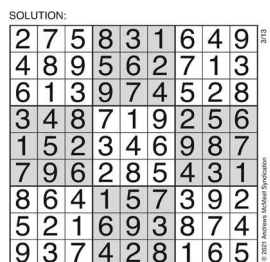


SUDOKU

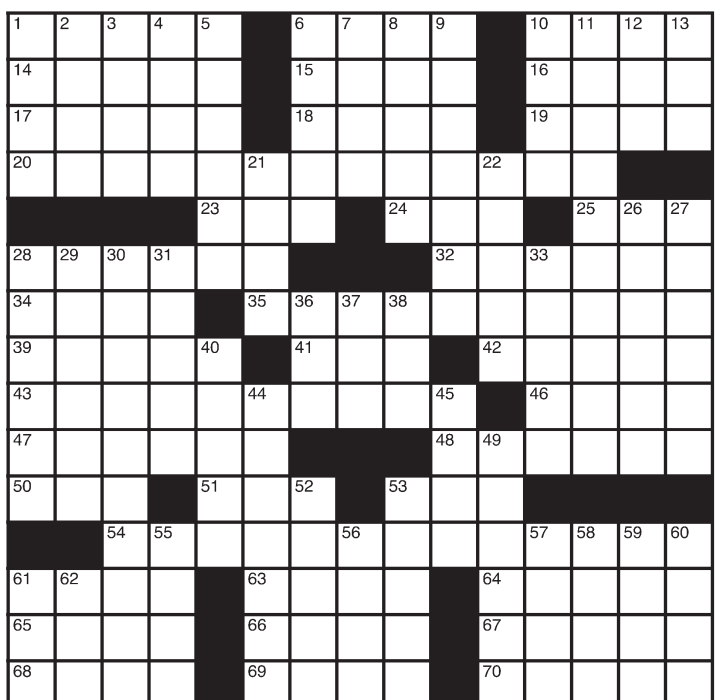
Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.



SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU



DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆



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