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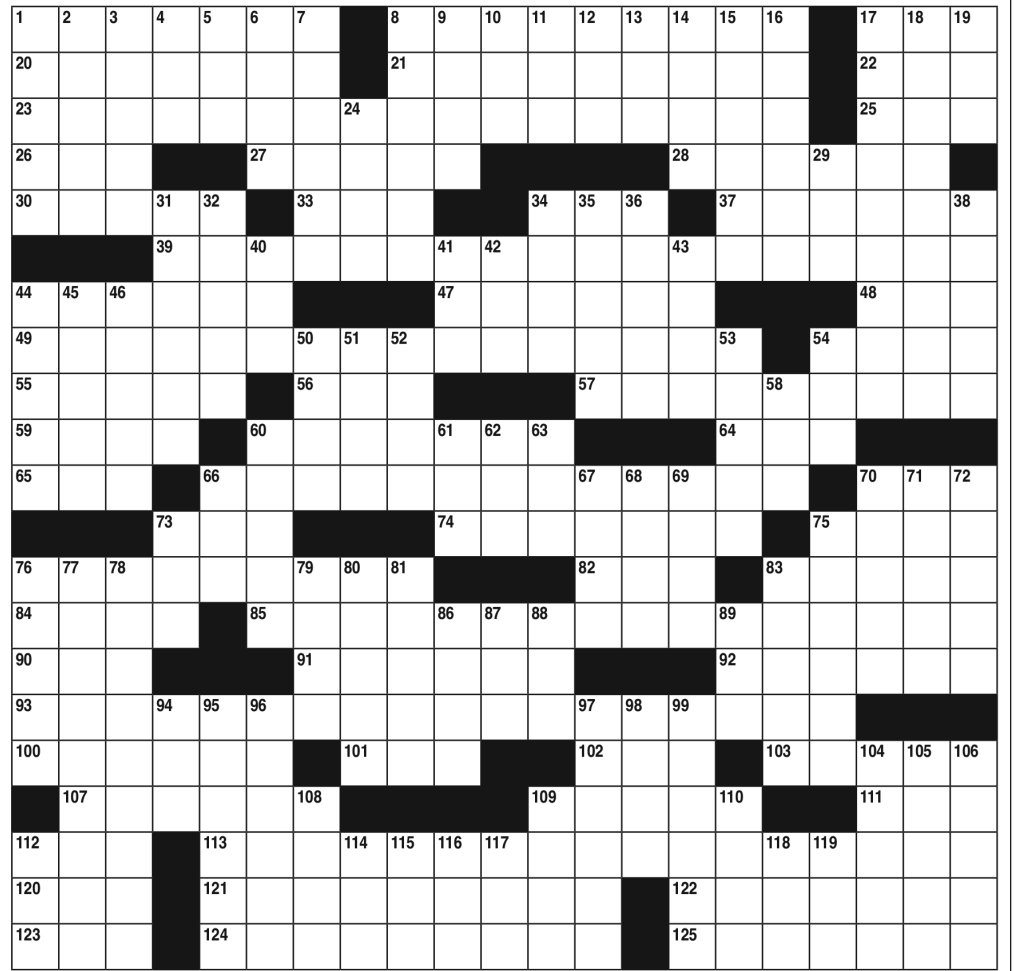
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TAKE TWO

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Celeste Watts, of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., is a retired elementary school teacher. After years of solving puzzles in her spare time, she decided to try making one herself. Her first 14 attempts for The Times were rejected, but she persevered. For this one, she collaborated with Jeff Chen, a writer and professional crossword constructor in Seattle, whom she calls "a gifted, patient mentor." The theme idea is Celeste's. Jeff helped her execute it. Finally, success! "One off my bucket list!" — W.S.

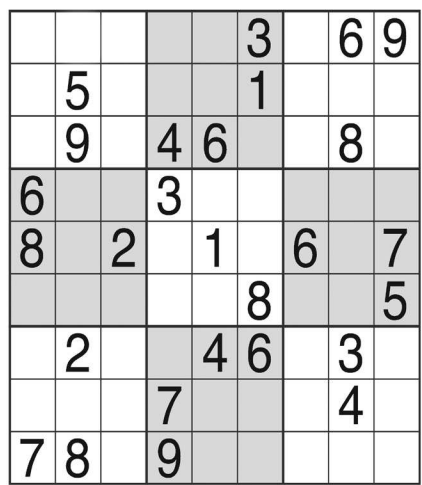
- ACROSS**
- 1 After the fact, as a justification
 - 8 Co-star of "The Golden Girls"
 - 17 Knock over, so to speak
 - 20 Quaker fare
 - 21 Go poof
 - 22 Drop the ball
 - 23 ILLUS_RA_OR_S
 - 25 What a third wheel might see, in brief
 - 26 Setting for most of "Life of Pi"
 - 27 Tests the weight of
 - 28 One of the Greats?
 - 30 Oscars of the sporting world
 - 33 Good sign for an angel
 - 34 Intl. org. headquartered in Geneva
 - 37 Some bad sentences
 - 39 ACC_L_RATOR
 - 44 Grapple, in dialect
 - 47 Exercise too much, say
 - 48 A as in Arles
 - 49 LUXUR__ACHT
 - 54 "___ Agnus Dei" (Mass phrase)
 - 55 Peak in Turkey mentioned in both the "Iliad" and the "Aeneid"
- DOWN**
- 56 Runner Sebastian who once held the world record for the mile
 - 57 What you might get from a trailer
 - 59 Sport played at British boarding schools
 - 60 Post production?
 - 64 ___ mater, membrane surrounding the brain
 - 65 Popular 90-min. show
 - 66 ENDANGER_EN__
 - 70 Man's name that coincidentally is Latin for "honey"
 - 73 Word with small or fish
 - 74 Weak
 - 75 What may result in a handshake
 - 76 Help to one's destination
 - 82 The Blue Jays, on scoreboards
 - 83 Comeback to a challenge of authority
 - 84 Bitter
 - 85 CONFIG__ATION
 - 90 Actor Somerhalder
 - 91 Most in the style of comedian Steven Wright
 - 92 Unfocused
 - 93 POI_T OF __IEW
 - 100 Go all out
 - 101 French fashion inits.
 - 102 "Kinda sorta"
 - 103 Pan-cook, in a way
 - 107 Supermodel Bündchen
 - 109 Pepé ___ (cartoon skunk)
 - 111 Drop off
 - 112 Admit (to)
 - 113 __OTIC__
 - 120 Hit the weed?
 - 121 Have guests over
 - 122 Guest, e.g.
 - 123 Place full of guests
 - 124 Start of a seasonal request
 - 125 Some kitchen utensils
 - 19 Item said to have been burned in protest, once
 - 24 Musical prefix with beat
 - 29 Memphis-to-Nashville dir.
 - 31 Emphatic assent
 - 32 Lively dance genre
 - 34 Hone
 - 35 Contract details
 - 36 Beehive State city
 - 38 Aerodynamic
 - 40 Bishop's jurisdiction
 - 41 Antagonist
 - 42 Hotel-room staples
 - 43 Top-notch
 - 44 Booties
 - 45 Playwright Chekhov
 - 46 Garbage
 - 50 Drink similar to a slushie
 - 51 About 460 inches of rain per year, on Kauai's Mt. Waialeale
 - 52 HBO satire starring Julia Louis-Dreyfus
 - 53 ___ bar
 - 54 Org. that takes the lead on lead?
 - 58 Baby fox
 - 60 How a flirt may act
 - 61 Football stat: Abbr.
 - 62 NaOH
 - 63 Radio broadcaster: Abbr.
 - 66 Legislation that was part of F.D.R.'s New Deal
 - 67 Ethnic group of Rwanda and Burundi
 - 68 Two, for four



- 69 Coin with 12 stars
- 70 "Zoom-Zoom" sloganeer
- 71 Hollywood composer Bernstein with 14 Oscar nominations
- 72 Guarded
- 73 Like pets and parking meters
- 75 ___ Slam (tennis)
- 76 Julius Caesar's first name
- 77 Words of hopelessness
- 78 Mature naturally, in a way
- 79 ___ Writers' Workshop
- 80 Electronic Hasbro toy
- 81 One side of the coin
- 83 Arias, typically
- 86 Scottish folk dance
- 87 Alternative explanation for a lucky guess, in brief
- 88 Ear: Prefix
- 89 Letters on some badges
- 94 "Stillmatic" rapper
- 95 Seen
- 96 Kind of skate
- 97 Brown shade
- 98 Kids' observation game
- 99 Hit musical with an "Emerald City Sequence"
- 104 Yoke
- 105 HP product
- 106 Narrowly beats (out)
- 108 Singer James
- 109 Drink for un bébé
- 110 A full moon will do this
- 112 Life force, in China
- 114 ___ Majesty
- 115 Hosp. areas
- 116 The Jazz, on scoreboards
- 117 Brown shade
- 118 Things for happy campers?
- 119 Picky person's pick?

SUDOKU

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



DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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"OH, THAT THINGS!" By GARY LARSON

ACROSS

- 1 Gretchen of "Boardwalk Empire"
- 4 Takes steps
- 8 Takes time drinking
- 14 Tiff
- 18 Dr. ___ Skoda, J.K. Simmons' "Law & Order" role
- 20 Dory, e.g.
- 21 Pricing word
- 22 Whiskey cocktail
- 23 "Must-see" review
- 24 Cheese with an edible rind
- 25 Sketching an infamous emperor?
- 27 Outdoor barbecue area for wings?
- 30 Loses it
- 31 Yemen's capital
- 32 Conger catchers
- 33 Georgia et al., once
- 34 More coarse, as sandpaper
- 36 Named time span
- 38 Big brand in card collections
- 43 Stubborn equine
- 45 Albany is its cap.
- 46 Brave opponent
- 48 iPad, iPod and iPhone?
- 51 More relaxed
- 53 "Word on the street is ..."
- 55 Funny Fey
- 56 Shirt named for a game
- 57 Land
- 61 Grassy plain
- 63 Admit, with "to"
- 64 Never again
- 66 Ragout, e.g.
- 69 Leaves alone
- 71 Theme park beast, perhaps?
- 75 Actress Woodard
- 78 Spot in the Senate
- 79 Tattoo target
- 82 Road sign caution
- 83 Great Lakes' ___ Canals
- 86 More inclined
- 88 Gym site
- 90 Scarlett's plantation
- 92 Windpipe
- 95 Woodlouse, e.g.

DOWN

- 1 Former Ford autos, briefly
- 2 City on the Missouri
- 3 On one's own?
- 4 French cleric
- 5 Trumpet kin
- 6 Where Chiang ruled from 1950 on
- 7 Thief
- 8 Rock bottom
- 9 Revolted
- 10 Coastal inlet
- 11 Work on a seam, say
- 12 Vaping products, briefly
- 13 Man of La Mancha
- 14 IRS ID's
- 15 Hardy work
- 16 Certain something
- 17 Walked over
- 19 Aptly named Renault
- 26 Chansons de ___: medieval French poems
- 28 Clinton running mate
- 29 Revered Mother
- 33 Weakens
- 35 Coup target, perhaps
- 37 Charlotte of "The Facts of Life"
- 39 Six-time N.L. home run champ
- 40 Number on a tag
- 41 ___ noir
- 42 Bars not for drinking
- 43 Swiss peak
- 44 In a bit
- 47 One watching a shepherd, say
- 49 Amigo
- 50 Cleaning chemical
- 52 Renewable energy choice
- 54 Physical opening
- 58 Some Hollywood FX
- 59 Court arbiters
- 60 Toledo's lake
- 62 Snakes in hieroglyphics
- 65 Valuable rocks
- 67 River to the North Sea
- 68 Hard-hitting sound
- 70 Ginza locale
- 72 Wallet contents
- 73 Wrath
- 74 J.R.R. Tolkien feature
- 75 Up
- 76 Peruvian plain
- 77 Travelers' decision points
- 80 Spur-of-the-moment Tinder profile?
- 81 Sgts. and such
- 84 Plains tribe
- 85 Leftover morsel
- 87 California locale where "Maria Maria" fell in love, in a Santana hit
- 89 Vitamin C source
- 91 Six-pack contents?
- 93 Speck
- 94 Legendary fire starter
- 96 Office group
- 98 Permissible
- 100 Son-of-a-gun
- 101 It makes everything better, purportedly
- 105 Safe and sound
- 107 Filet ___
- 108 Fat, say
- 110 Hawaiian feasts
- 111 Nitrogen compound
- 113 Selected
- 115 Rulers before the Bolsheviks
- 116 Gets ready to file
- 117 Jane Austen novel
- 118 Student ___
- 119 Mongolian tent
- 120 "The Mikado" weapon, briefly
- 122 Anthem opener
- 124 Eavesdropping org.
- 125 Young socialite

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Daily Bridge Club

Shock absorbers

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"Our toaster is broken at home," Unlucky Louie told me in the club lounge.

"You probably need to buy a new one," I said.

"That won't be necessary," Louie said. "My wife thinks I don't know enough about kitchen appliances to repair them. Well, she's in for a shock."

"You may be right," I sighed.

When the afternoon penny game began, Louie was South in today's deal. His jump to three hearts in the balancing seat was "intermediate," showing about an opening bid with a good long suit. North really needed more to raise to game, especially since Louie rarely manages to take 10 tricks.

West led the king of clubs, and Louie surveyed dummy with approval: He seemed to have seven trump tricks plus three side-suit aces. He took the ace of clubs and led a trump — and was shocked when West discarded a spade.

Exasperated, Louie took dummy's K-Q of trumps, ruffed a club, cashed his ace of trumps and exited with a trump to East. He ruffed the club return and tried leading the queen of spades, but West covered with the king. East's ten won the next spade, and West got the jack of spades and a diamond trick for down one.

The 4-0 trump break was a 1-in-10 chance, but if Louie recovers from

the shock, he can make the contract. After he takes dummy's two high trumps, he can lead a spade to his nine. West takes the jack and leads a club, and Louie ruffs and cashes the ace of trumps. He can then lead his queen of spades.

For once, Louie's luck is in. When West's king covers, Louie pins East's ten, and dummy's eight is high for the 10th trick.

West dealer
E-W vulnerable

NORTH
♠ A 8 2
♥ K Q
♦ 10 5 3 2
♣ 8 7 4 3

WEST
♠ K J 7 6 5
♥ None
♦ K J 9 4
♣ K Q J 6

EAST
♠ 10 4
♥ J 10 9 6
♦ Q 8 7
♣ 10 9 5 2

SOUTH
♠ Q 9 3
♥ A 8 7 5 4 3 2
♦ A 6
♣ A

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

Opening lead — ♣ K

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