## Daily Bridge Club

## Ups and downs

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"I hear things at the observatory are looking up." — graffiti

Today's South picked up a 22-point hand and got to 3NT. When West led the deuce of clubs, South thought things were definitely looking up. East took the ace — declarer followed with the four — and led a low spade.

South took the ace and cashed the king of clubs, and matters began to go downhill when East threw a heart. South next took the ace of diamonds, overtook his queen with the king and cashed the jack, hoping for a 3-3 break. When East threw another heart, South led the ten of hearts from dummy. East grabbed his ace and led another spade, and with careful defense, South was doomed: He won eight tricks.

#### FIRST CLUB

I look down on South's play. When East plays the ace on the first club, South can follow with the queen.

South wins the spade shift, takes the king of clubs and A-Q of diamonds, and leads a low club. He reaches dummy with the ten of clubs to run the diamonds, winning five diamonds, two clubs and two spades.

#### **DAILY OUESTION**

You hold: ♠J 10542 ♥AQ732 ♦ 10 9 ♣ A. Your partner opens one club, you bid one spade, he rebids

two clubs and you try two hearts. Partner then rebids three clubs. What do you say?

**ANSWER:** This problem is uneasy. You might make four hearts — partner might have three-card support — but game chances are uncertain at best. Pass. Incidentally, although a newsuit bid by responder is regarded as forcing, some pairs would treat your two hearts as not forcing.

South dealer N-S vulnerable

WEST **♦086 98**  $\Diamond 8753$ ♣J962

♠ J 10 5 4 2 ♥A0732 ♦ 10 9

East

All Pass

**SOUTH ∧** A K 7 ♥ K J 6 5

South West North Pass 3 NT Pass

Opening lead — ♣ 2

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

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### The New York Times Crossword

#### **ACROSS**

- 1 "Nova" airer 4 Like a rumpled bed
- tha Kyd (big name in
- rap, once)
- 13 Lead-in to
- 15 Pothead 16 Road goo
- 17 Lager or I.P.A.?
- 19 "Well, what have we here?!
- 20 James Bond genre, informally
- 21 Like a brooding teen, maybe
- 22 Lose after being way ahead, as a lead
- 23 Hot fudge or
- 27 "I goofed ... who
- 29 "Eww, you could have kept that to yourself'

NICEIDEA

- **30** The "E" of Q.E.D.
- 31 [I can hear you,
- you know] 34 Kind of daisy
- 39 Neat or on the rocks?
- **41** Gen
- 42 Part of a wintry
- 44 Salinger heroine 45 Feud (with)
- 46 Step between "ready" and "fire"
- 48 "Thanks, but no thanks'
- 50 Jägermeister or Fireball? **55** Keep

in modern slang

**57** Perfumery scents

61 Chicken broth or

beef bouillon?

64 Whichever

SPACENEEDLE

E P C O T A L P S

60 Part of E.S.L.:

(look after) 56 Chow down on,

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE** 

E T T U A S K S X R A Y S

E I F F E L T O W E R A T E

S N O R E S O C A L L E D

UTEFERRISWHEEL

SNAIL ACDC DRAB

FIRIAITITIY

WORLDSFAIRS

- caramel sauce?

- 65 Common text in A.P. Latin
- 66 "Star Wars" pilot who, despite his
- name, flies with 38 Lion-colored a co-pilot
  - 67 "Geez!" 68 TV comic with a
    - Tell" segment 69 Collar

#### **DOWN**

'Jokes Seth Can't

- 1 Homes, in slang 2 Emanation from Barney Gumble on "The Simpsons"
- 3 Attends to one's mental health, say
- 4 L.A. school
- 5 Last in a series 6 Participated in a
- stock exchange? 7 "Dragon Ball Z" genre of TV and
- film 8 Boil down
- 9 Before, to poets 10 Some Russian
- vodka, informally Web company that styles its name with an exclamation point
- one's sorrows
- 14 Disconcerted 18 Scrabble piece
- 22 Vitamin that could also be a bingo call
- 24 Desktop debut of 1998
- 25 Titter 26 "Nothing's
- broken'

36 Votes for

39 "No kidding?"

**PUZZLE BY ROSS TRUDEAU** 

that's said to be

"not worth the

paper it's written

28 Like a contract

27 Hardens

- 45 Whales and
- water fountains

40 Druid, e.g.

43 Begrudgingly

accepts, as a

- 32 Short albums, for produce them
- short 33 Do an impression 47 Tutor's charge
- 49 Like wet noodles 35 Increase in the

Edited by Will Shortz

- number of teams 50 Power source for in a league, e.g.
- 37 Makes a boo-boo
  - -Barbera company)
- 52 Women's health doc

No. 0302

- 53 Bonkers
- 54 Figure at a roast
- 58 Kind of nut with caffeine
- **59** Elitist
- 61 Cooke who was known as the "King of Soul"
- 62 Wine aperitif
- (onetime cartoon 63 Some serious hosp. cases

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### **BIZARRO**

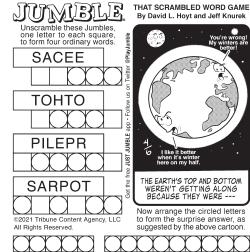


#### **DENNIS THE MENACE**



"HOW COME WHEN YOU'RE TIRED I HAVE TO TAKE A NAP?"





Now arrange the circled letters

(Answers tomorrow Yesterday's

## **CANDORVILLE**











## **ZITS**





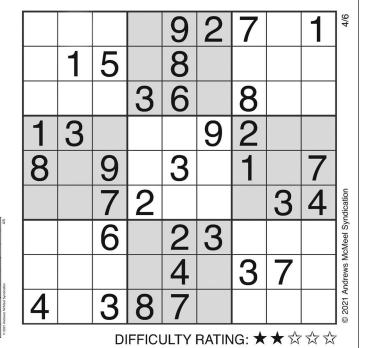


## SUDOKU

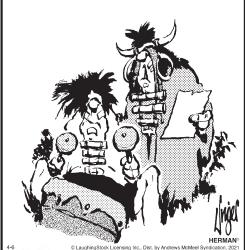
Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

#### **SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU**

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



## **HERMAN**



"Tell them this one is confidential."

# Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

## Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- **ACROSS** 1 Shipwreck signal Stan of Marve
- Comics 7 Catch in a trap
- 12 Time period 13 Off-roader's purchase, for short
- 14 Quest for intel 15 \*Instant in which emotional decisions are
- made 18 Middle-earth
- menace 19 Female surfer
- 20 Times to remember
- 21 Got a lift, in a way 23 Popular mints 25 Tea container
- 27 Gradually come
- to be 31 Wander about
- 33 Pasture 35 Where one may
- be taken to be reprimanded 36 Verb in a recipe 37 Like jobs with no future ... and what the start of

each answer to a

- starred clue can be? 40 Tennis court
- divider 41 Family gathering
- attendee 43 Pacific Coast st.
- 45 Ties to a post 48 Rene of "Get
- sound 55 Help in a bad way?
- its shape 60 Wheaton who played himself on

The Big Bang

- 65 Talk trash to 66 Cork's country 67 Cowboy singer
- Gene

# **DOWN**

- 1 \*Flaky type 3 Came down in
- flakes 4 Plastering strip 5 Value system 6 Tied, as a score
- 7 "Seats all taken"
- sign 8 Archrivals
- 9 Asian laptop brand
- 10 Barrett of
- race 12 Macedonian
- neighbor
- 16 "Fiddle-!"
- 17 Triflina 22 Battering
- tube 26 Vote of support
- field 29 Keats works
- 31 Rave's partner 32 Dog in the
- comics
- 34 Brouhaha
- 44 Loch with a legend
- Shorty' 50 Show flexibility 52 Dampen, as
- 58 Coral named for
- Theory 61 \*Defeat soundly 64 More despicable
- 68 Uneaten morsel 69 Ship in Genesis

# 37 Owner's

- document Blunder 39 Mad Magazine mascot Alfred
- 42 Idle talk 44 Bounced-check
- letters 46 Reckless
- 47 Racer's bathing suit
- gossip 11 Tolkien tree
- 15 MLB's Astros, or scoreboards
- 24 Spot on the
- 28 \*Employment
- 30 Vets' concerns

- T|R|E|K| C|H|I|A|N|G SHAKYGROUND R E N E E

51 Animal with a snout Vitality

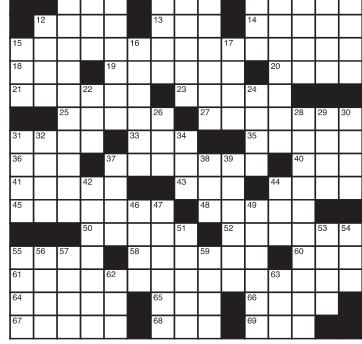
The new store was doing so well because there were plenty of customers — "NEAR-BUY"

- 54 Santa helper 55 Palindromic pop group 56 Steady guy
- 57 Toward sunrise 59 Speedy 62 "Do or do not. There is no

#### Yoda 63 Title for Paul or 49 Naturally brewed beverage Ringo

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