

**"MONDAY ON SUNDAY" COMICS**

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**Daily Bridge Club**

**Louie's unhappy return**

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Unlucky Louie had his income taxes done by a place called "Many Happy Returns." To be sure, Louie can use a hefty refund — to pay his losses in my club's penny game. He blames his bad results on bad luck despite all the evidence to the contrary; he invariably plays too quickly.

Louie was today's declarer at a modest contract of two spades, and West led the eight of hearts. Louie promptly finessed with dummy's queen, and East took the king and found the unhappy (for Louie) return of his singleton trump.

When Louie played low, West took the jack ... and the K-A. He then led his last trump. Louie was held to one trump, two clubs, two diamonds and a heart.

one diamond. Your partner bids one heart. What do you say?

**ANSWER:** Many players would routinely bid one spade, and I couldn't call that action wrong; you might have a 4-4 spade fit. A case exists for a raise to two hearts. You limit your strength and confirm a possible trump suit. If you bid one spade and partner returns to two diamonds or bids INT, you must pass, never showing your heart support.

North dealer  
N-S vulnerable

**NORTH**  
♠ 9 8 5 4  
♥ A Q 4  
♦ A K 4 3  
♣ 4 3

**WEST**  
♠ A K J 6  
♥ 8 5  
♦ 10 5 2  
♣ Q 9 7 5

**EAST**  
♠ 2  
♥ K J 10 9 7  
♦ Q J 9 6  
♣ J 8 6

**SOUTH**  
♠ Q 10 7 3  
♥ 6 3 2  
♦ 8 7  
♣ A K 10 2

North 1♦ East Pass South 1♠ West Pass  
2♦ All Pass

Opening lead — ♥ 8

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**DAILY QUESTION**

You hold: ♠ 9 8 5 4 ♥ A Q 4  
♦ A K 4 3 ♣ 4 3. You open

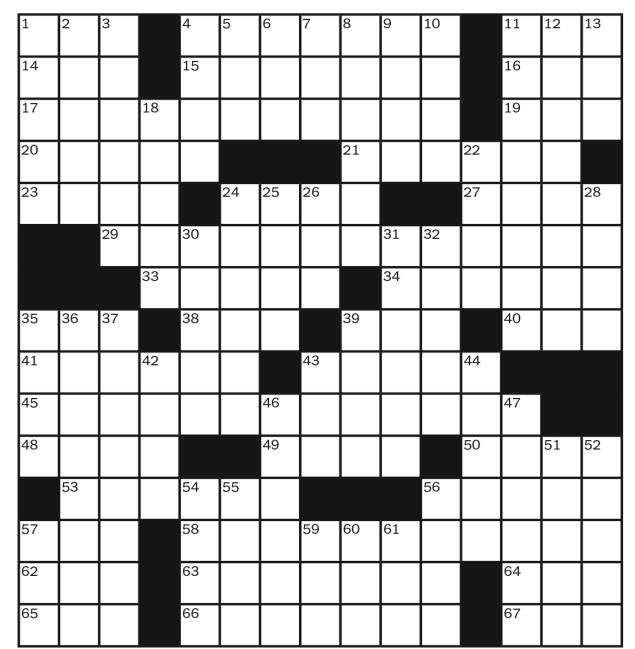
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**The New York Times Crossword**

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0322

- ACROSS**
- 1 Quick punch
  - 4 Submitted a résumé
  - 11 Old-fashioned record collection, for short
  - 14 Friend in France
  - 15 Comedian Jimmy who joked of his "schozzola"
  - 16 The "A" of I.P.A.
  - 17 Collectible toy vehicle
  - 19 Long-bodied jazz instrument, for short
  - 20 Mother hen's responsibility
  - 21 Mil. branch with dress blues and dress whites
  - 23 Couch
  - 24 Bygone Swedish auto
  - 27 Energy-efficient illumination sources, for short
  - 29 Birthplace of General Motors
  - 33 Nosy sort
  - 34 Flowing, musically
  - 35 Those who are not among us (or are they?)
  - 38 Locale for the radius and ulna
  - 39 Family
  - 40 Use needle and thread
  - 41 "Here, you'll like it!"
  - 43 Prefix with red or structure
  - 45 Certain online dating bio
  - 48 No more than
  - 49 Yanks' opponents in the Civil War
  - 50 Plummet
  - 53 Birdsong
  - 56 Sierra \_\_\_\_ (African land)
  - 57 Predicament
- DOWN**
- 1 Door parts
  - 2 Bitter Italian liqueur
  - 3 Removed with the teeth
  - 4 Condition that affects concentration, for short
  - 5 Stop on a drinker's "crawl"
  - 6 Expert
  - 7 Not stringently enforcing the rules
  - 8 Nighttime demons
  - 9 Greek letters that rhyme with three other letters
  - 10 Laura with an Oscar and an Emmy
  - 11 So-called "Sin City"
  - 12 Tots' time together
  - 13 Health class subject
  - 18 Classic eyes for Frosty



PUZZLE BY DANIEL GRINBERG

- 22 Prank interviewer who referred to Buzz Aldrin as "Buzz Lightyear"
- 24 Person who might bother a bedmate
- 25 Elemental part of an element
- 26 Band aid
- 28 Contents of some drifts
- 30 Imbecilic
- 31 White \_\_\_\_ of Dover
- 32 Artist Matisse
- 35 Famous almost-last words from Caesar
- 36 Security alarm trigger
- 37 They establish order in language classes
- 39 Door part
- 42 Skunk funk
- 43 Rageaholic's state
- 44 Tree in the birch family
- 46 Algebra, for calc, e.g.
- 47 Like art that might offend prudish sorts
- 51 Without interruption
- 52 Corner offices and prime parking spots, for company V.I.P.s
- 54 Tightest of pals, in brief
- 55 Old Italian money
- 56 Blokes
- 57 Funny Tina
- 59 \_\_\_\_ de vie
- 60 Hit the slopes
- 61 Point value for a "Z" in Scrabble

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

TRASH TALKER COP  
EASTER BUNNY APE  
ACHORUS LINE NET  
SEEK SCUSE SIR S  
ERNESTO HABITAT  
MIND DREW TO  
ENT ANDES ON AIR  
MARESH EGO WAIVE  
FRESH DAMPS TES  
ORATES SMEE  
RATED PGE ARGASM  
STIR ORALS ATTA  
TIS ITALIAN FLAG  
EVE CONTENT FARM  
RES UNDER THE SEA

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**BIZARRO**



**DENNIS THE MENACE**



**HERMAN**



**JUMBLE**

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

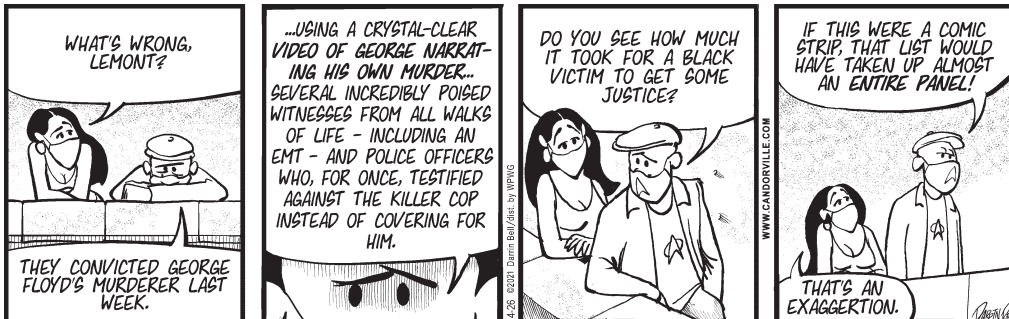
OPRUG  
HNITN  
TAUERM  
DOYTID

THEY GOT A NEW CHIME FOR THEIR FRONT ENTRANCE AND WERE ...

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answers tomorrow

**CANDORVILLE**



**WUMO**



**ZITS**



**Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle**

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Igloo shape
  - 5 Least satisfactory
  - 10 Boars' mates
  - 14 Did a takeoff on
  - 15 "Christina's World" painter Andrew
  - 16 Witty remark
  - 17 \*Divisive political topic
  - 19 Useful Word command for the error-prone
  - 20 "Good \_\_\_\_!": Charlie Brownism
  - 21 Immature newt
  - 22 Cake decorator
  - 23 Biological pouch
  - 24 \*Want-ad heading in the London Times, perhaps
  - 28 MADD ads, e.g.
  - 29 Gerbil or hamster, often
  - 30 I-90 in Mass., say
  - 33 Defrost
  - 36 Slack-jawed
  - 40 \*Get up and running, digitally
  - 43 Vowel-heavy goodbye
  - 44 Truck stop vehicle
  - 45 About to arrive at
  - 46 Monopoly quartet, briefly
  - 48 HQs for B-52s
  - 50 \*Interrogate persistently
  - 55 Nor. neighbor
  - 58 Morales of "Ozark"
  - 59 Female in the fam
  - 60 "Damn!" and "Dagnabbit!" are mild ones
  - 62 Easy win
  - 63 "Stand up!" ... and a hint to the beginnings of the answers to starred clues
  - 66 "My treat"
  - 67 Double-curved arches
  - 68 Starting poker pot contribution
  - 69 Sign of joy, maybe
  - 70 \_\_\_\_-Dame de Paris
  - 71 Went up
- DOWN**
- 1 Georgia team, in sports headlines
  - 2 "Aida," for one
  - 3 Battlefield doc
  - 4 Beat by a hair
  - 5 Early 20th-cent. conflict
  - 6 Yiddish laments
  - 7 Start-over button
  - 8 Assorted items
  - 9 Place to take it from?
  - 10 Water pistols
  - 11 Part of a pound
  - 12 Add a lane to, say
  - 13 Hurling or curling
  - 18 Failing grades
  - 25 Wood strip
  - 26 Campfire remnants
  - 27 Harvest
  - 28 Guy in a popular tongue-twister
  - 30 Not yet known: Abbr.
  - 31 Pea holder
  - 32 Decorative fish
  - 34 Pro
  - 35 Wonder \_\_\_\_
  - 37 Had
  - 38 Princess' bane, in a fairy tale
- 39 Goof
- 41 Grass-and-roots layer
- 42 Tick off
- 47 "Already?"
- 49 Ill-mannered sort
- 50 '90s candidate Ross
- 51 Me.-to-Fla. route
- 52 Poppa's partner
- 53 Drummer for John, Paul and George
- 54 "The best \_\_\_\_ to come"
- 55 Shorthand specialist, for short
- 56 Stimulates
- 57 Cosmetician Lauder
- 61 Many miles away
- 64 "\_\_\_\_ the ramparts ..."
- 65 Take advantage of

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**

HOHUM KAYO ASOF  
IRONY HIES KAVA  
NERDS ALLSMILES  
DONETSK POPTART  
USER TIL HADTO  
TOR OHM FIN  
HOMESWEETHOME  
DOWNTOWHEWIRE  
POPSICLESTICK  
AMI HOC UNC  
NINTH HEP UGGS  
ENGRAVE USSPORT  
LIFESAVER APBIO  
ECONNEMO TEAMO  
DART ENTS EDGED

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**SUDOKU**

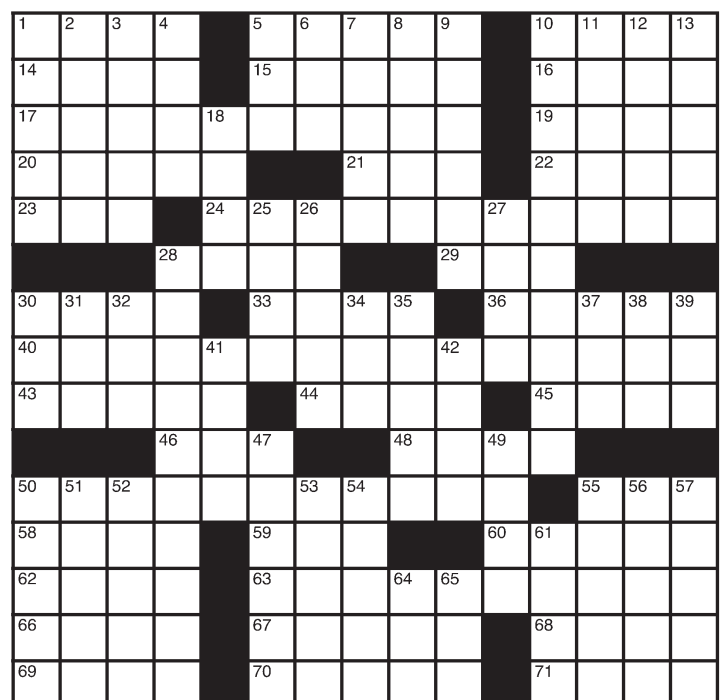
Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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

**SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU**

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

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