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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

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

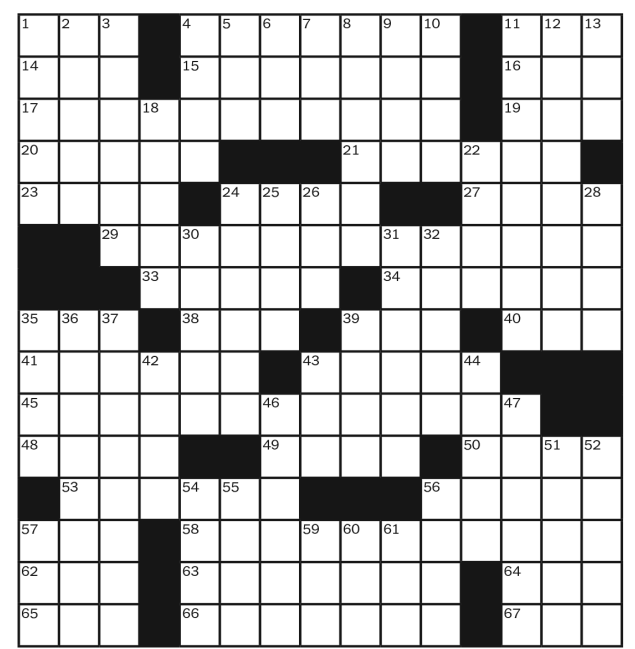
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The New York Times Crossword

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



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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)

Saturday's Jumbles: WOVEN DITTO JUGGLE NARROW
Answer: They took a guided tour of the Grand Canyon so they could — GET THE LOWDOWN

CANDORVILLE



WUMO



ZITS

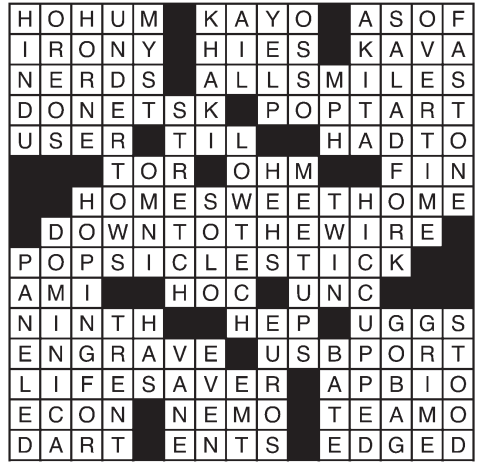


Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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:

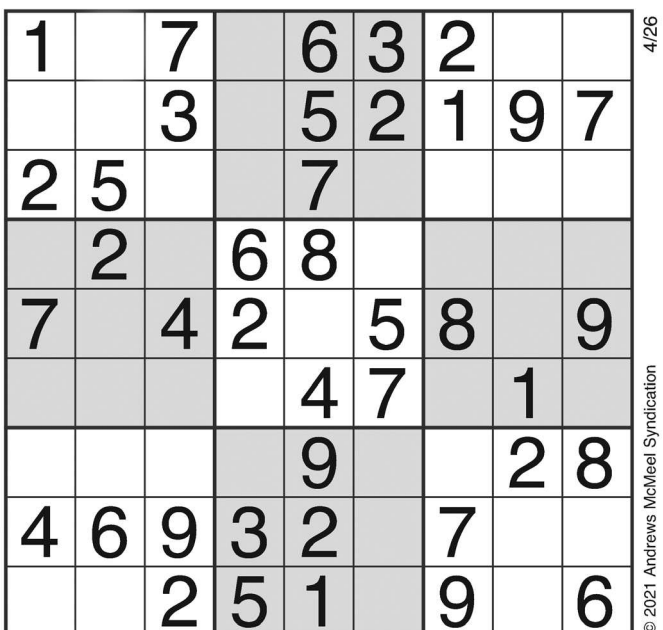
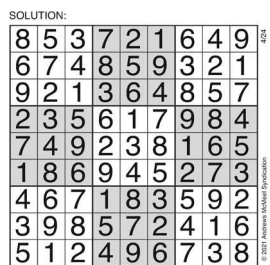


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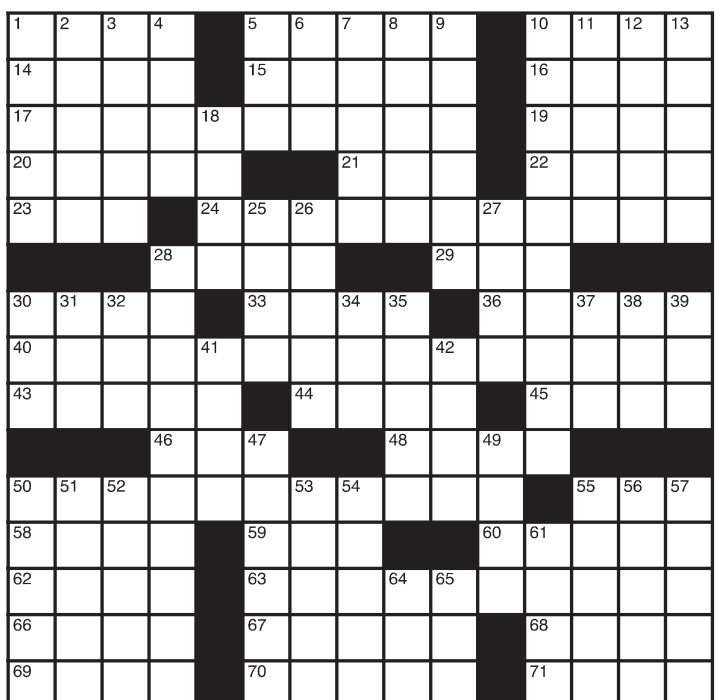
Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU



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