

**"MONDAY ON SUNDAY" COMICS**

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**Daily Bridge Club**

**Louie against fate**

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Unlucky Louie says that when he plays in his penny game, fate deals from the bottom of the deck. "I can't get a break," Louie complained to me. "My trump suits never split well, and my finesses lose — especially when I need them to win."

Louie was declarer at today's four spades, and West led a heart. Louie took dummy's ace and cashed the A-K of trumps, grimacing when East showed out. Louie next took the A-K of clubs, ruffed a club in dummy, ruffed a heart, ruffed his last club and tried a diamond to his nine. He lost three diamonds and a trump.

**BAD LUCK**

"My usual bad luck," Louie sighed. Louie's game was unbeatable with astute play. He can ruff a heart at Trick Two — the key play — then take the top trumps.

Louie continues with the top clubs, a club ruff, a heart ruff and a club ruff. West must keep a high heart, else dummy's nine will be a winner. So having won the first nine tricks, Louie can ruff dummy's last heart with his last trump to fulfill the contract.

**DAILY QUESTION**

You hold: ♠2 ♥K54 ♦A762 ♣Q9853. Your partner opens one spade, you respond INT and he bids

two hearts. What do you say?  
**ANSWER:** This is a miserable situation in a natural system and is one reason why "strong club" systems are popular. Opener's non-jump change of suit has a wide range. He may have 18 points (and you have a game), or he may have a minimum hand (and you may minus at the two level). Pass. If the result is poor, blame the system.

South dealer N-S vulnerable

**NORTH**

♠ J 8 7 5  
♥ A 9 7 3  
♦ 10 8 5  
♣ 7 4

**WEST**

♠ Q 6 4  
♥ Q 10 8 6 2  
♦ K J 4  
♣ J 6

**EAST**

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

**SOUTH**

♠ A K 10 9 3  
♥ A J  
♦ Q 9 3  
♣ A K 10 2

**South**

1 ♠ Pass  
4 ♠ All Pass

**West**

2 ♠ Pass  
4 ♠ All Pass

**North**

2 ♠ Pass

**East**

Pass

Opening lead — ♥6

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**The New York Times Crossword**

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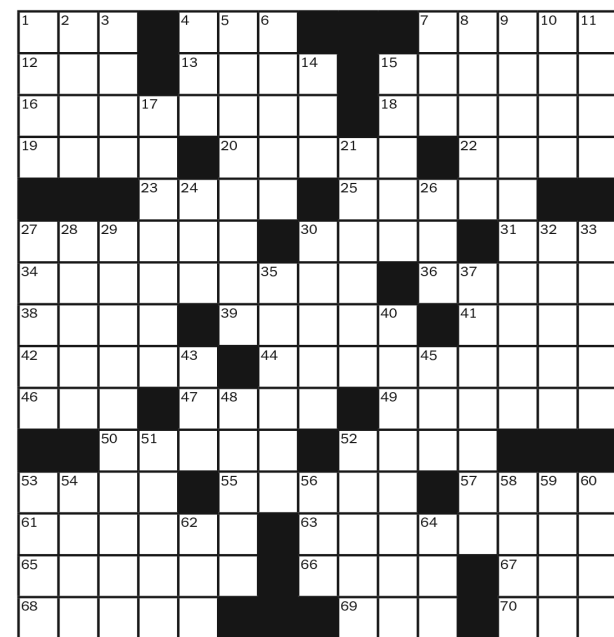
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**ACROSS**

- 1 Animal that barks
- 4 Bourbon barrel material
- 7 Tribal leader
- 12 Blunder
- 13 \_\_\_ colada
- 15 List for a meeting
- 16 \*Certain psychedelic experience
- 18 Nintendo game featuring balance exercises
- 19 \_\_\_ of the game
- 20 Early auto engine's power source
- 22 Construction area, e.g.
- 23 Performs like Iggy Azalea
- 25 Social stratum
- 27 Provoke
- 30 Nevada city on the Truckee River
- 31 PC monitor type, in brief
- 34 \*Hairstyle popularized by Lucille Ball
- 36 Hip-hop producer who founded Aftermath Entertainment
- 38 For two, in music
- 39 Jeans material
- 41 At the drop of \_\_\_ (instantly)
- 42 Drops in the mail
- 44 \*Cheap neighborhood bar
- 46 Bygone Mach 1 breaker, for short
- 47 Major water line
- 49 Hang around idly
- 50 "Wanna join us?"
- 52 Fairy tale bear with a hard bed
- 53 Delivery room instruction
- 55 Put on hold
- 57 Religious sisters

**DOWN**

- 1 College faculty head
- 2 Whale that preys on octopuses
- 3 Worrisome, as news
- 4 Make a pick
- 5 Cockpit reading
- 6 Makes a scarf, say
- 7 FX in much sci-fi and fantasy
- 8 Bank holdup
- 9 \*Bunt single, e.g.
- 10 Heading in a word processing menu
- 11 Destiny
- 14 Gibbon or gorilla
- 15 "Geez, that sucks!"
- 17 Expressed contempt for
- 21 Like vinegar
- 24 Falcons, on scoreboards
- 26 Roll for a greenskeeper
- 27 "No bid from me"
- 28 Connection points
- 29 \*Home of many a courthouse
- 30 Talk too long
- 32 Yearn for
- 33 Scare off
- 35 Pop singer Dion
- 37 Visibly elated
- 40 Nonsense
- 43 Home of the George W. Bush Institute, in brief
- 45 Hack (off)
- 48 Capitol Hill staffers
- 51 Busiest airport in the Midwest
- 52 Oyster's creation
- 53 "Hey, over here!"
- 54 \_\_\_ Beauty (Sephora competitor)
- 56 Org. that monitors consumer scams
- 58 "Here comes trouble ..."
- 59 Mama's mama
- 60 Part of a cherry you don't eat
- 62 Gen \_\_\_ (millennial's follower)
- 64 Ovine mother



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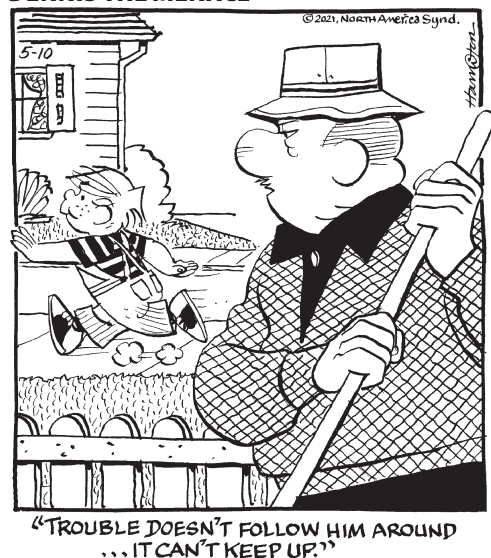
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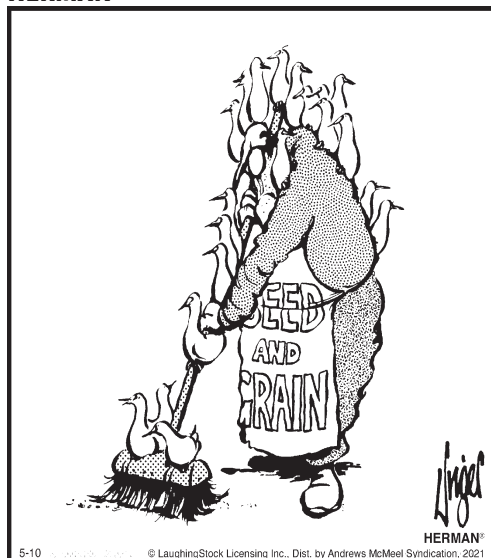
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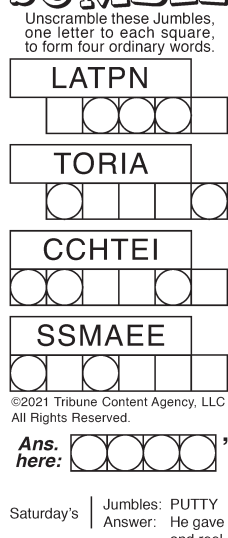
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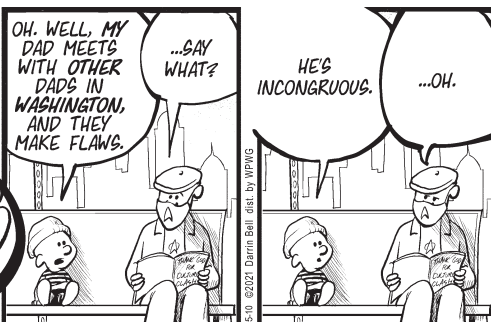
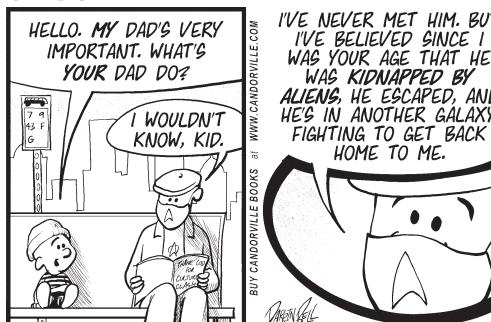
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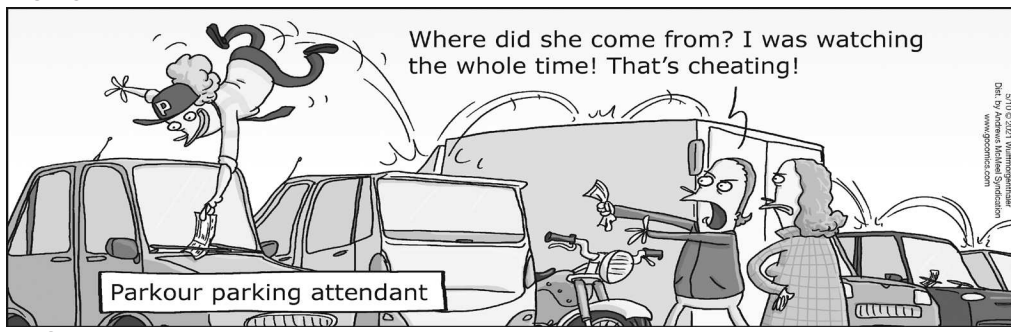
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**WUMO**



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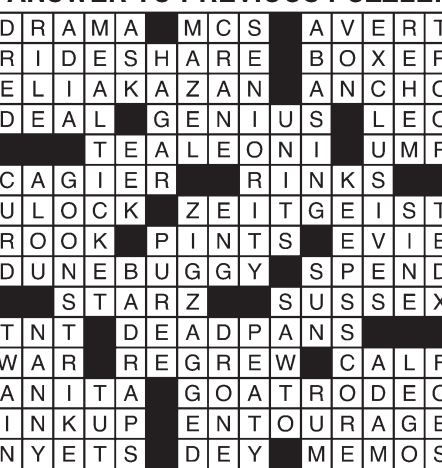


**Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle**

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Prefix with bar
- 4 Purple color named for a flower
- 9 Kind of minister or suspect
- 14 Habit wearer
- 15 "Mutiny on the Bounty" captain
- 16 "Star Wars" director George
- 17 Two-base hit: Abbr.
- 18 Cloak-and-dagger spy
- 20 Heroic tale
- 22 Direction of the dawn
- 23 Easter egg coloring
- 24 Typically yellow tangy fruit
- 29 Quivery vocal effect
- 30 Spanish eight
- 34 Of an arterial trunk
- 38 Belle's suitor
- 39 \*Accessory metaphor for an accomplishment
- 44 Gas leak giveaway
- 45 "I'm clueless"
- 46 City near Tahoe
- 47 Whiner
- 52 Spaghetti-in-a-can icon
- 57 Emails a dupe to
- 60 Goddess for whom a month is named
- 61 Theater segments
- 62 "I Can't Help Myself" Motown group ... and what's comprised by 18-, 24-, 39- and 52-Across' starting words?
- 67 Frito-\_\_\_
- 68 Old toga wearer
- 69 Frighten
- 70 Start for fab or fix
- 71 Pinocchio's problem
- 72 Roll of the dice
- 73 "\_\_\_ the DJ, I'm the Rapper": 1988 album
- 3 Browsing the Web, say
- 4 Scale units: Abbr.
- 5 Land in la mer
- 6 DMV certificate
- 7 Go along (with)
- 8 Tightfisted
- 9 Table setting item
- 10 Snug bug's place?
- 11 Covered, as a cake
- 12 Numerous
- 13 Punta del \_\_, Uruguay
- 19 Recipe abbr.
- 21 Cell pic taker
- 25 Ark builder
- 26 Crazy as \_\_\_
- 27 X-rated stuff
- 28 Lynda Bird's married name
- 31 Average grade
- 32 Actor Holbrook
- 33 Not in the office
- 35 You, in French
- 36 With unnamed partners, in bus. names
- 37 Suspicious (of)
- 39 Neither's partner
- 40 Wordsworth's \_\_\_ to Duty
- 41 Trucker's unit
- 42 Gator kin
- 43 "Don't \_\_\_ word!": "Shh!"
- 48 "I'm freezing!"
- 49 Brewer Coors
- 50 Sign warning word about a watchdog
- 51 "Absolutely!"
- 53 Chinese ethnic group
- 54 Water, in Cannes
- 55 At the head of the line
- 56 Cookie baker's lot
- 57 Bottom-corner PC key
- 58 Bok \_\_: Chinese cabbage
- 59 18-wheeler
- 63 One cheering for the team
- 64 Sculler's prop
- 65 Whiz
- 66 Stitch together

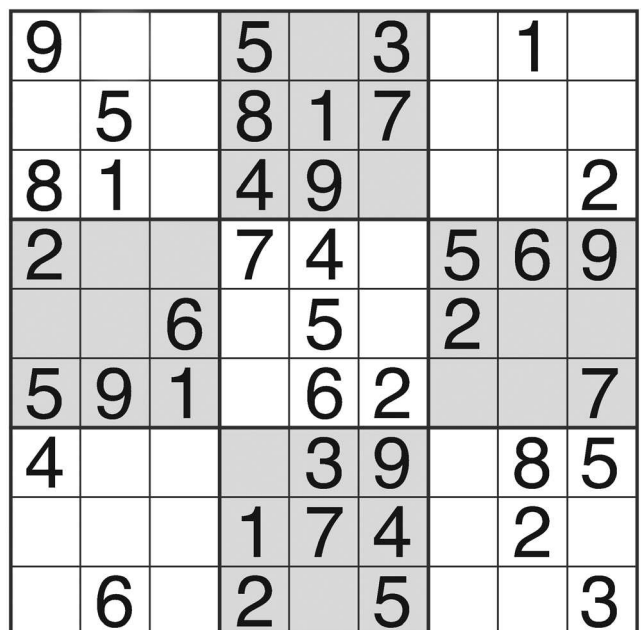
**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**



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**SUDOKU**

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

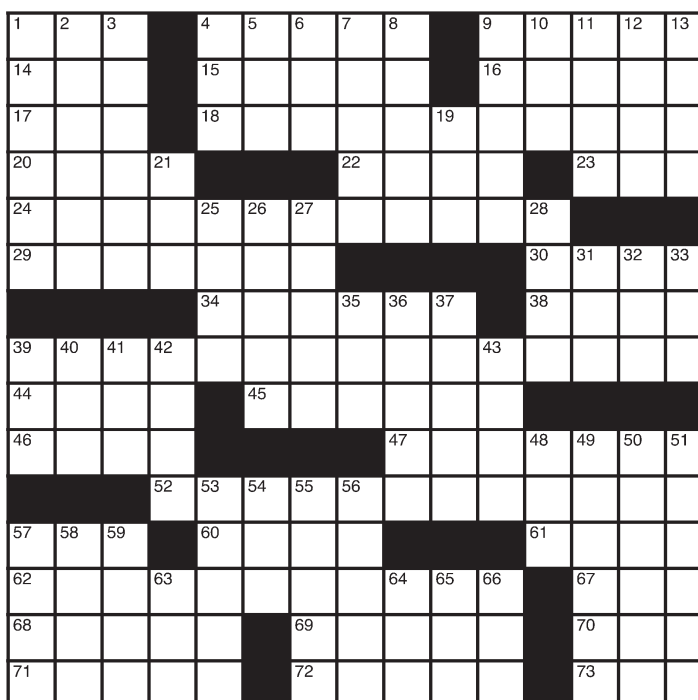
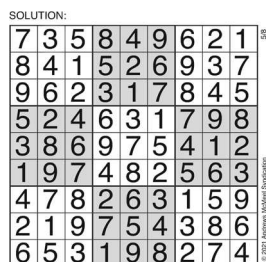


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**SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU**



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