

**"MONDAY ON SUNDAY" COMICS**

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**Daily Bridge Club**

**Condemned hand**

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"My partner and I argued about this deal," today's North told me. "I had a hand so bad it could have been condemned. I responded two diamonds, weak, to his two clubs, and bid 2NT over his two hearts. When he bid three spades next, I had to do something, so I bid four hearts. "He didn't make it?" I asked. "He ruffed the third club, led a spade to dummy, returned a trump to his queen, took the ace and led a third trump. East won and led his last club, forcing out partner's last trump while East still had a trump. Down one. "My partner says I should bid 3NT, which I would make, over three spades. I think he's nuts."

What do you say?  
**ANSWER:** Opposing preempts can give you major headaches. Assuming partner has a fair share of the missing high-card strength, your hand is too promising to stop below game. Cue-bid four clubs. If partner bids four diamonds, try four hearts. If he jumps to five diamonds, he may make it.

South dealer  
N-S vulnerable

**NORTH**  
♠ Q 7 3  
♥ 8 2  
♦ Q 7 6 5 2  
♣ J 7 4

**WEST**  
♠ 10 8 5 2  
♥ 5 3  
♦ 8 4 3  
♣ A K Q 9

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

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K J 6  
♥ A Q J 10 9  
♦ A K  
♣ 6 3

South West North East  
2♥ Pass 2♦ Pass  
3♠ Pass 2NT Pass  
3♣ Pass 4♥ All Pass

Opening lead — ♣ K

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**DAILY QUESTION**

You hold: ♠ AKJ6 ♥ AQJ109 ♦ AK ♣ 63. The dealer, at your right, opens three clubs. You double, and your partner bids three diamonds.

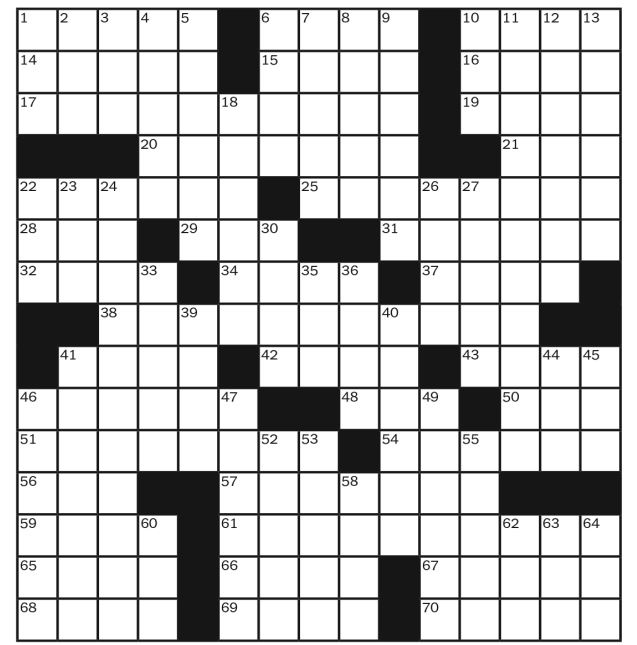
**SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?**  
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**The New York Times Crossword**

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0524

- ACROSS**
- 1 Library catalog listing after "author"
  - 6 Ribbit : frog :: \_\_\_ : cat
  - 10 Bit of land in the sea: Sp.
  - 14 Author Asimov
  - 15 Scrabble or Boggle
  - 16 Challenging vegetables to eat with a fork
  - 17 Harmonica
  - 19 \_\_\_ and sciences
  - 20 What "Yes, I'm willing" signifies
  - 21 Contend
  - 22 Talks effusively
  - 25 Place to get some barbecue
  - 28 It might be confused with a termite
  - 29 Tanning lotion fig.
  - 31 Pointy-leaved desert plants
  - 32 Lo-o-ong bath
  - 34 \_\_\_ Asia (China, Japan and environs)
  - 37 Poor grades
  - 38 Dummy
  - 41 Bog fuel
  - 42 Brontë's "Jane \_\_\_"
  - 43 Quick bite to eat
  - 46 Tranquil
  - 48 Grp. overseeing the World Series
  - 50 Wildebeest
  - 51 Negative repercussions
  - 54 Individual
  - 56 Capital of Georgia: Abbr.
  - 57 "You don't have to take responsibility for the mistake"
  - 59 Tidy
  - 61 Stand-in during a film shoot ... or a hint to 17-, 25-, 38- and 51-Across
  - 65 Platform for a ceremony
  - 66 Send off, as rays
  - 67 Autumn bloom
  - 68 Follower of hop and skip
  - 69 "The lady \_\_\_ protest too much": "Hamlet"
  - 70 More recent
- DOWN**
- 1 Dickens's Tiny \_\_\_
  - 2 Prefix with -therm
  - 3 Letter after sigma
  - 4 Gate closer
  - 5 Sounds heard in canyons
  - 6 People in charge: Abbr.
  - 7 Raring to go
  - 8 Neighbor of a Saudi and Yemeni
  - 9 Passed
  - 10 Brewery letters
  - 11 Ones leading the blind, maybe
  - 12 Jennifer Lopez and Christina Aguilera, for two
  - 13 Good things to have
  - 18 Without assurance of purchase
  - 22 Word after laughing or natural
  - 23 Half of dos
  - 24 Assert one's ownership, as to land



PUZZLE BY ADRIENNE ATKINS

- 26 "Hey \_\_\_" (Beatles hit)
- 27 Roughly 71% of the earth's surface
- 30 Like many Rolex watches sold on the street
- 33 Natural ability
- 35 Apt letters missing from "\_\_\_tea\_th\_"
- 36 Six years, for a U.S. senator
- 39 Electricity or water, e.g.: Abbr.
- 40 Assisted
- 41 Level off at a higher point
- 44 \_\_\_ Balls (chocolate snack)
- 45 Attila the \_\_\_
- 46 Three-ingredient lunchbox staple, familiarly
- 47 Lightly touched, as with a handkerchief
- 49 Express sorrow over
- 52 Sports replay effect
- 53 Lost patience
- 55 Do something else with
- 58 George Washington's chopping down a cherry tree, e.g.
- 60 Small recipe amt.
- 62 "As an aside," in a text
- 63 Film director Spike
- 64 Flub

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**



**BIZARRO**  
Instead of the usual frenzy, tonight let's take some time to appreciate our kill.

PIRANHA MINDFULNESS

**DENNIS THE MENACE**  
"IT MIGHT BE A SMALL NEEDLE... BUT IT'S STILL SHARP!"

**HERMAN**  
"I told you not to open it."

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

THACM  
RUCTO  
VCATIE  
CRIFEE

Print your answer here: [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

RUSHMORE'S PRESIDENTS CAN TALK TO EACH OTHER SO MUCH THANKS TO ALL THE ---

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

**CANDORVILLE**  
NOT EREBODY CUT OUT FOR RAISIN' KIDS, BRUH.  
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

**CANDORVILLE**  
YOUR BOY, MAN, HE SOFT. THAT'S YOUR FAULT. HOW HE GONNA HANDLE HISSELF ON THE STREETS?

**CANDORVILLE**  
IT'S NORMAL FOR THREE-YEAR-OLDS AND THEIR DADS TO TEAR UP DURING "LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE" REKUNGS.  
DON'T SAY THAT OUT LOUD!

**WUMO**  
I'm going on a date with a woman with glasses in a minute! I'm just gonna read all these back covers so I seem really smart! Fingers crossed I'll get lucky!

**ZITS**  
SO, I GOT A JOB.  
WOO-HOO!

**ZITS**  
DON'T YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT IT IS?  
WILL IT GET YOU OUT OF THE HOUSE FOR PART OF THE DAY?

**ZITS**  
YES.  
WOO-HOO!

**Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle**  
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Skedaddled
  - 5 Spontaneous notion
  - 9 Leveled, as a building
  - 14 Tahoe or Titicaca
  - 15 Role model
  - 16 Bakery emanation
  - 17 Auto on-off baking gadget
  - 19 Like a legally binding contract
  - 20 Volkswagen sedan
  - 21 Bring to life, as cartoons
  - 23 Opposite of WSW
  - 24 Golfer Aoki
  - 25 Tongue twister seashell seller
  - 28 Artisan who makes delicate items
  - 34 Locate precisely
  - 36 "You win"
  - 37 Fascinated by
  - 38 Prefix with centric
  - 41 Deco artist Romain de Tirtoff's pseudonym
  - 42 Plant swelling
  - 44 Tutored
  - 46 Exact repetition of what was said
  - 49 "You bet!"
  - 50 Sorority T's
  - 51 Shoo-\_\_: easy winners
  - 53 Indonesia's capital
  - 57 Idaho product
  - 61 Banish
  - 62 Three-goals-in-one-game hockey scoring feats ... or what the ends of 17-, 28- and 46-Across are when they're rearranged?
  - 65 Perry of fashion
  - 66 Buckeye State
  - 67 Latticework piece
  - 68 Hits with snowballs
  - 69 Checkers or chess
  - 70 Crossword-solving Simpson
- DOWN**
- 1 Broadway bomb
  - 2 Volcano flow
  - 3 \_\_\_ out a living: barely manages
  - 4 Thick, as fog
  - 5 "Little" fib
  - 6 Skirt's edge
  - 7 Wrath
  - 8 Boggy tract
  - 9 Stuffed pasta pockets
  - 10 Composer Khachaturian
  - 11 "Nana" novelist Émile
  - 12 Give off
  - 13 Florida's Miami-\_\_\_ County
  - 18 Dance that "takes two"
  - 22 Capture
  - 24 \_\_\_ of Panama: narrow landform
  - 25 Went undercover
  - 26 Language of India
  - 27 Key in
  - 29 Colony crawler
  - 30 Butter substitute
  - 31 Fret
  - 32 Makeup mogul Lauder
  - 33 Clarinets and oboes
  - 35 Apple or pear
  - 39 Prefix with natal or -phyte
  - 40 How ballerinas often dance
  - 43 Monroe or Taylor
  - 45 Pavarotti, vocally
  - 47 Pic on a pec, say
  - 48 Clam used in chowder
  - 52 "In the \_\_\_ of the Night": doo-wop classic
  - 53 Cherokee automaker
  - 54 Wheel shaft
  - 55 While away, as time
  - 56 Landed
  - 58 Antioxidant-rich berry
  - 59 Sign on a B-way booth
  - 60 Fed. workplace monitor
  - 63 "Bingo!"
  - 64 Apple CEO Cook

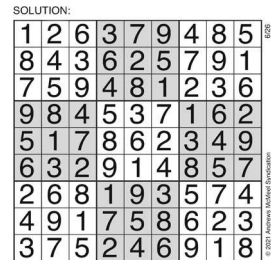
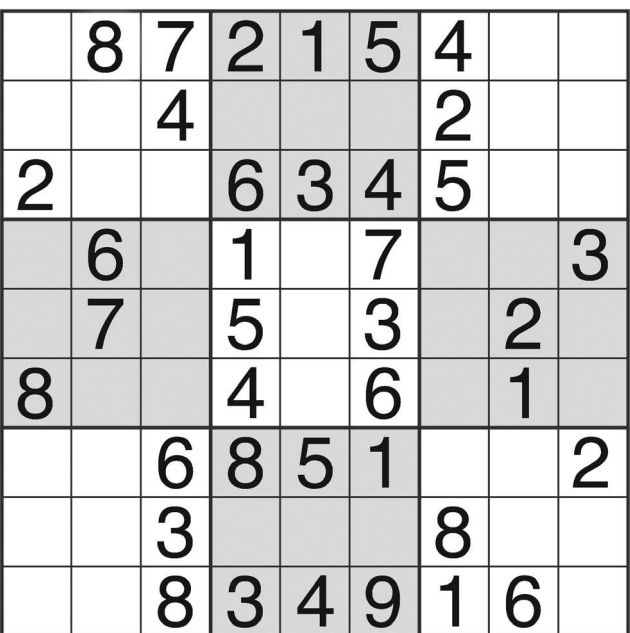
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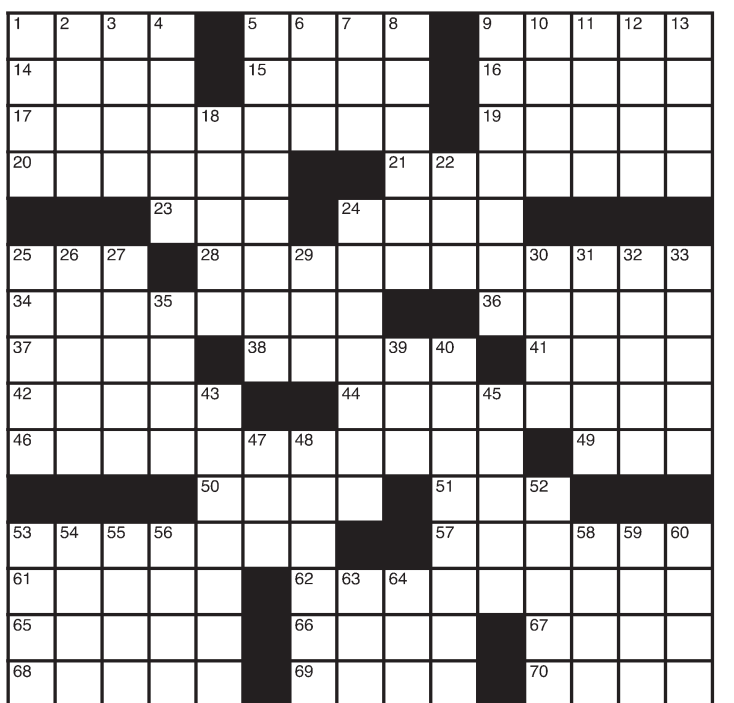
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**SUDOKU**

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



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