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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
	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.

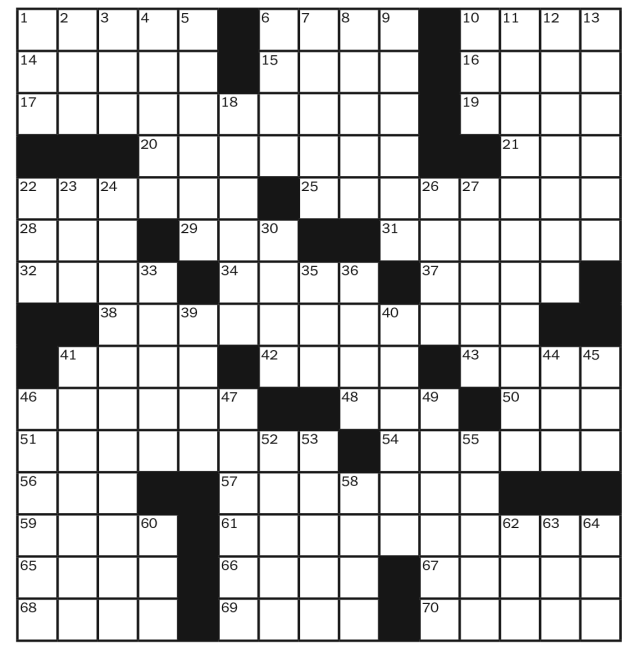
**SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?**  
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# The New York Times Crossword

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: [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

**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

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**

B I O H A C K E R S W V A  
U P P E R L I M I T S H E D  
D O E S B A T T L E H A L F  
S S N O N E S E T O L D E  
O R C S T P E T E  
I M B U S Y B A O B A B  
N E A T P A W N S H O P S  
C A L L A N D R E S P O N S E  
A L L A B O A R D L E S S  
O N B A S E W A I S T S  
W O O D E N E S C  
R A N I S H A R E S E S P A  
I S I S W I N E D E A L E R  
T E S H E V I D E N C I N G  
E S T R E P O R T E D T O

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## SUDOKU

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

**SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU**

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

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