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### Daily Bridge Club

## Second Hand Rose

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The player we call Second Hand Rose showed up at my club today. When the lesson about "second hand low" on defense was taught, Rose must have been out on a date with Jiggs the plumber.

Rose was East. West led the king of spades against 3NT, dummy played low, Rose signaled with the jack, and West continued with the queen. South ducked again and won the third spade.

South then took dummy's three high diamonds. He next led a club, and Second Hand Rose ... with the king!

and your partner bids one spade. What do you say?

**ANSWER:** Now that partner has responded, you must commit to game or at least try hard to reach game. A few players would jump to 2NT (strongly invitational) despite the club weakness. Some would settle for a bid of two diamonds, hoping partner would bid again. My choice would be a jump-shift to three diamonds, hoping to support the spades later.

North dealer  
N-S vulnerable

**NORTH**  
♠ A 5 2  
♥ A Q 7 3 2  
♦ A K Q  
♣ 7 2

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

**EAST**  
♠ J 10 7 6 3  
♥ J 5  
♦ 10 3 2  
♣ K 9 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ 8 4  
♥ 8 4  
♦ J 9 6 4  
♣ A J 10 6 4

North 1♥ East Pass South 1NT West Pass  
3NT All Pass

Opening lead — ♠ K

#### FINESSE

South was doomed. If he played low, Rose would cash two spades. South actually took the ace of clubs and jack of diamonds, finessed with dummy's queen of hearts and took the ace for his eighth trick, but he lost the rest.

South may make an overtrick if Rose plays "second hand low." South will finesse with his jack of clubs. West can win and lead a heart, but even if South takes the ace, refusing a finesse, he can lead a second club to his ten, winning four clubs, four diamonds, a heart and a spade.

#### DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ A 5 2 ♥ A Q 7 3 2  
♦ A K Q ♣ 7 2. You open one heart,

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#### SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?

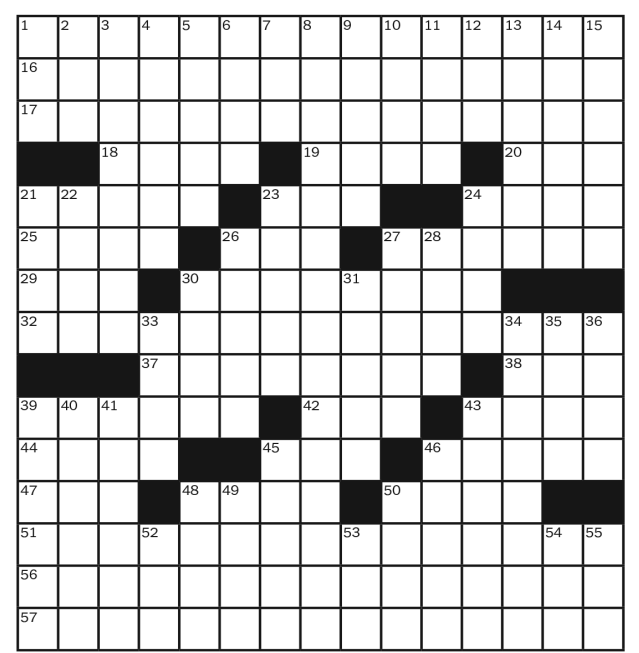
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## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0618

- ACROSS**
- 1 Bill Bryson book subtitled "Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail"
  - 16 Give a scolding
  - 17 Show whose logo replaces an "o" with a diamond ring
  - 18 Actress Rowlands
  - 19 Look after
  - 20 Head for a cow, horse or lion?
  - 21 Book often stored horizontally
  - 23 Put a strain on
  - 24 Short jazz riff
  - 25 Johnny with 10 World Series of Poker bracelets
  - 26 Reading area
  - 27 Spoils
  - 29 Mother of the four winds, in myth
  - 30 Cut off the back
  - 32 High-risk game
  - 37 Many national anthems
  - 38 "Errare humanum \_\_\_"
  - 39 "Whatever works"
  - 42 Indifferent remark
  - 43 Hurdle for a future atty.
  - 44 Something you're not likely to fork out?
  - 45 Seventh word of the Gettysburg Address
  - 46 Home to the Imam Ali Mosque, built in the seventh century
  - 47 \_\_\_ Reactor (Iron Man's power source)
  - 48 Weathered, say
  - 50 "Je t' \_\_\_"
- DOWN**
- 1 Enter the picture?
  - 2 Muted trumpet sound
  - 3 Pub container
  - 4 Claim to fame for Freeport, Me.
  - 5 Zen riddles
  - 6 People who built the Qhapaq Ñan, or "Royal Road," which stretched roughly 3,700 miles
  - 7 High degree
  - 8 1960s spy series
  - 9 Path an electron may take moving in a constant magnetic field
  - 10 Nobel Prize subj.
  - 11 City section
  - 12 Lucky strike
  - 13 Gets on a mailing list, say
  - 14 Pick up
  - 15 Hearty dinner entrees
  - 21 Big name in laptops
  - 22 Grand
  - 23 Much of Gen Alpha, now
  - 24 Train route
  - 26 Hon



PUZZLE BY DANIEL LARSEN

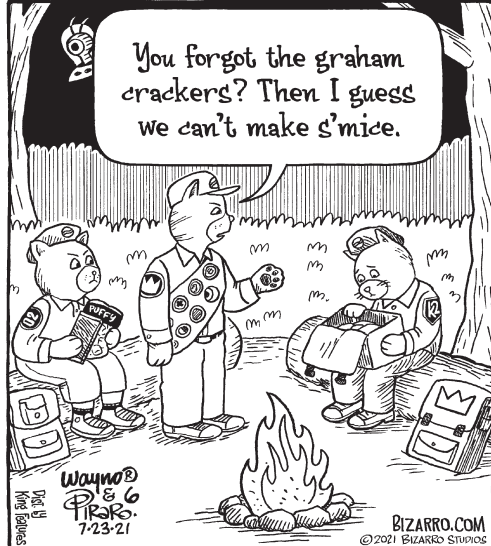
- 27 Unsparing response to a complaint
- 28 Isn't 100%
- 30 Slant
- 31 Not a company person?
- 33 Substitute
- 34 Mosaic tiles
- 35 Romanov V.I.P.
- 36 \_\_\_ Candy, best friend of Wonder Woman
- 39 Jason who played Lucius Malfoy in Harry Potter films
- 40 Playing for a Greek god
- 41 Trump is named in it
- 43 Delilah player in 1949's "Samson and Delilah"
- 45 Large bay window projecting from a wall
- 46 Two-legged stand
- 48 Cable channel owned by AMC Networks
- 49 Great Plains people
- 50 Police dept. alerts
- 52 Rebecca \_\_\_ Crumpler, first African-American female physician in the U.S.
- 53 Small cells
- 54 Org. that administers the G.R.E.
- 55 French article

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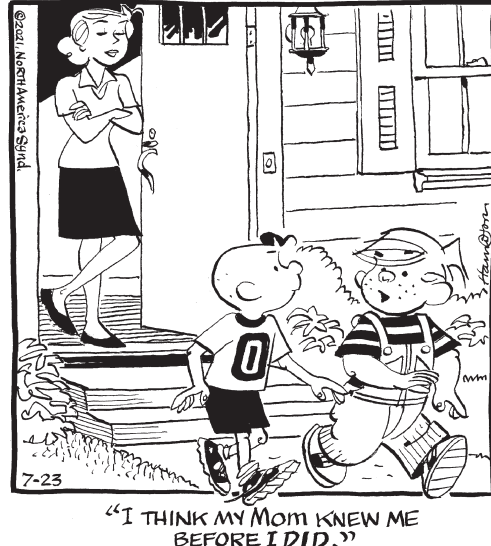
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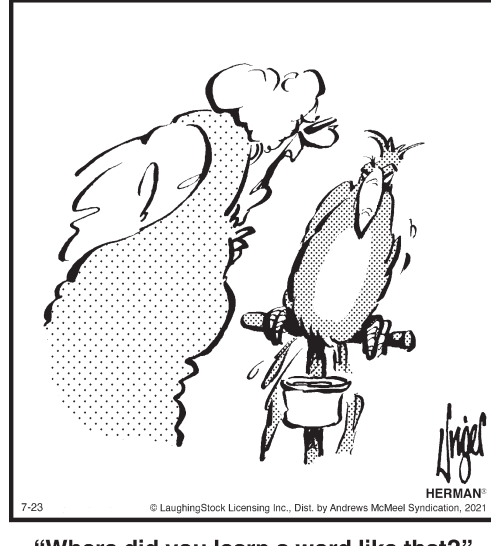
#### BIZARRO



#### DENNIS THE MENACE



#### HERMAN



#### JUMBLE

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

TVILA  
LDOYD  
DLIYLW  
RVOODE

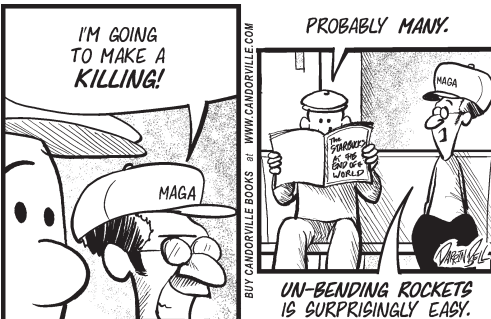
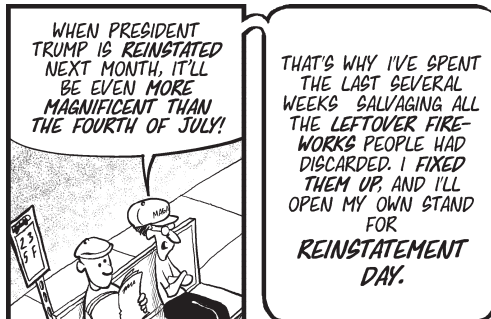
When the architect asked them if they wanted oak floors, they said they ...

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

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: SENSE GUMBO DAINTY MATRIX  
Answer: They were willing to wait in line to see the show because they'd heard it was — OUTSTANDING

#### CANDORVILLE



#### WUMO



#### ZITS



## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Japanese car whose name means "reward" in early German
  - 6 Infielder in a comedy routine
  - 9 Conviction
  - 14 Joins, as a team
  - 15 On fire
  - 16 Big name in foil
  - 17 Double vision?
  - 19 Items often checked
  - 20 Flying Solo
  - 21 Brute's rebuke
  - 22 "Will it play in \_\_\_?": vaudeville phrase
  - 23 What EEE signifies?
  - 25 Birthplace of St. Francis
  - 29 "Who, me?"
  - 30 Pound product
  - 31 Fabric with metallic threads
  - 34 Musical E equivalent
  - 39 Cesar Millan's gift?
  - 42 Doomed biblical city
  - 43 Calf-length skirt
  - 44 See 36-Down
  - 45 Pot pie veggie
  - 47 Holds dear
  - 49 Blind date?
  - 55 Films partly made in stages
  - 56 Deal with creases
  - 57 Audibly grieve
  - 60 Texas HQ of Frito-Lay
  - 61 His-and-hers concert souvenir?
  - 63 Articulate
  - 64 Company abbr.
  - 65 Texans' neighbors
  - 66 Old times
  - 67 WWII carrier
  - 68 "Old" language that gave us "blunder"
- DOWN**
- 4 First and \_\_\_
  - 5 Quakers in Colorado?
  - 6 Puts an edge on
  - 7 Poppycock
  - 8 Extra NFL periods
  - 9 Cosmetic surgery procedure
  - 10 Distant
  - 11 Comforting affirmation
  - 12 Funny Fields
  - 13 Starts to fight
  - 18 Star over Paris
  - 22 Abbas' gp.
  - 24 Improve
  - 25 Much urban housing: Abbr.
  - 26 NYC art district
  - 27 Apple core?
  - 28 Letters before a view
  - 32 Revlon cosmetics brand
  - 33 Customizable Nintendo persona
  - 35 Have on, to a Brit
  - 36 Feast on
  - 44-Across
  - 37 Bleed (for)
  - 38 Consequently
  - 40 Supreme monarchs
  - 41 Provide generously, as one's time
  - 46 Triage areas, briefly
  - 48 When a classic film gunfight started
  - 49 Attend to a spill
  - 50 1945 "Big Three" meeting site
  - 51 E and FG, in sports
  - 52 Group's belief
  - 53 Appearances
  - 54 Build
  - 57 Recipe directive
  - 58 Is beholden to
  - 59 Big name in audio systems
  - 61 "Open 9 \_\_\_ 5"
  - 62 Original "King Kong" film studio

#### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

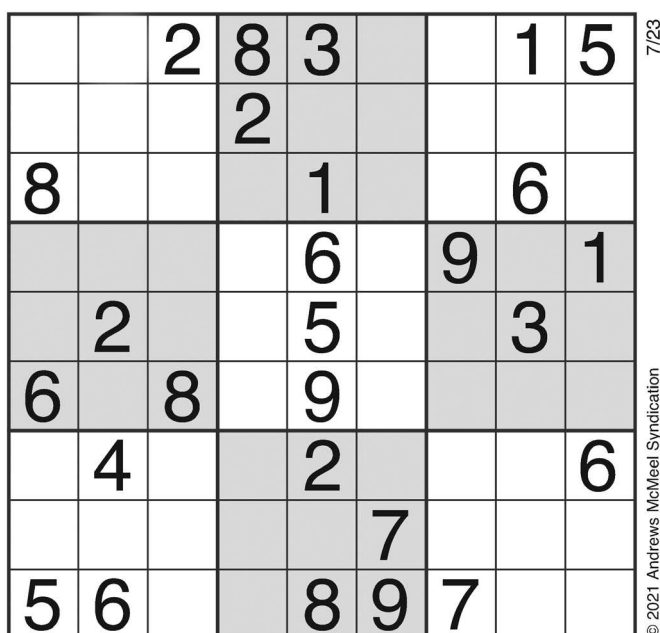
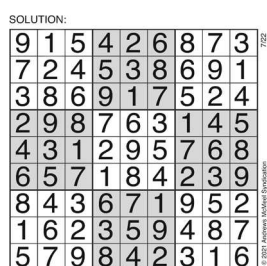


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## SUDOKU

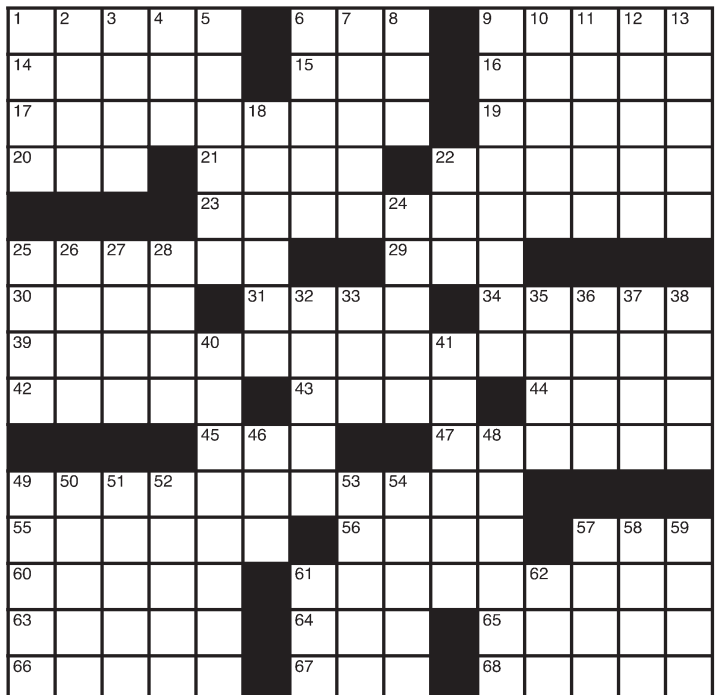
Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

#### SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU



DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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