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### Daily Bridge Club

## A tisket, a tasket

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"My wife's cousin runs a mortuary," Unlucky Louie told me. "He's opening a second location."

"Why so?"

"He doesn't want to put all his eggs in one basket," Louie said gravely. As declarer, don't rely on a single chance for your contract. Look for extra chances. At four hearts, South won West's trump lead in his hand and led a spade to dummy's jack. East took the queen and led a second trump, and South drew trumps and took the K-A of spades. When West discarded, South was sunk. He lost three diamonds.

#### EXTRA CHANCE

South put all his ova in one leaky basket. He can instead lead a club to dummy's ten at Trick Two. If East takes the queen and returns a trump, South wins in dummy, takes the ace of clubs and ruffs a club. East's king falls, so South draws trumps and goes to the ace of spades for the jack and the fifth club. (He would also have chances if he led a club to the ace and ruffed a club.)

If the clubs didn't lie well, South would succeed if the spade finesse won.

#### DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ A J 6 2 ♥ K 3  
♦ 9 3 ♣ A J 10 5 2. Your partner opens one heart. The next player

passes. What do you say?

**ANSWER:** This is an elementary problem: Bid two clubs. Since you have enough strength for several bids, show your suits in the natural order: longest first. If partner rebids two hearts, you can continue with an economical bid of two spades. If you held A J 6 2, K 3, 9 3, Q 10 5 3 2, to bid one spade, seeking a fit in the major, would be correct.

North dealer  
N-S vulnerable

#### NORTH

♠ A J 6 2  
♥ K 3  
♦ 9 3  
♣ A J 10 5 2

#### WEST

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

#### EAST

♠ Q 10 8 3  
♥ 5 2  
♦ K 10 8 2  
♣ K Q 9

#### SOUTH

♠ K 5 4  
♥ A Q J 10 9 4  
♦ J 7 6  
♣ 6

#### North

1 ♣  
1 ♠

#### East

Pass  
1 ♥

#### South

1 ♥  
4 ♥

#### West

Pass  
All Pass

Opening lead — ♥ 8

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## The New York Times Crossword

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#### ACROSS

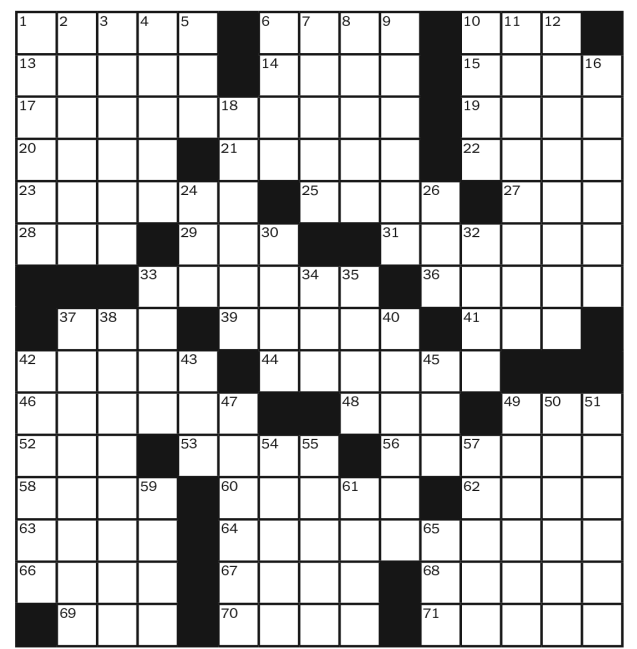
- 1 Christmas classic covered by Bing Crosby and Bob Dylan, among others
- 6 Kind of gorilla
- 10 Second-best era
- 13 Matrimony
- 14 \_\_\_ Park (neighborhood in central Los Angeles)
- 15 Neologism for the "best ever"
- 17 Six Premier League teams play in it
- 19 Other: Sp.
- 20 Apt foreign rhyme of "moon"
- 21 2016 inductee into the Basketball Hall of Fame
- 22 Prom purchase
- 23 Discharges
- 25 Do a certain veterinary job

- 27 Nudge
- 28 Old-fashioned possessive
- 29 Whitman of "Arrested Development"
- 31 Japanese company with six stars in its logo
- 33 With 44-Across, bit of consolation ... or a feature of this puzzle's grid?
- 36 Like 2017 and 2027
- 37 Something found in strands
- 39 Easy basket
- 41 Gore and more
- 42 Welcome at the front door
- 44 See 33-Across
- 46 Parts of soft palates
- 48 Score specification
- 49 Some significant others, for short
- 52 Crop problem

- 53 Hairy Tibetan beasts
- 56 \_\_\_ the Saxon (Ivanhoe's father in "Ivanhoe")
- 58 Christmas trees
- 60 "\_\_\_ kidding!"
- 62 Sound heard before many a classic movie
- 63 Make amends?
- 64 [Silence]
- 66 Certain pizza topping, slangily
- 67 Fortright
- 68 Game played on a 9' x 13' court
- 69 Attractive older fellow
- 70 Forks and knives, e.g.
- 71 Symbol of privilege

#### DOWN

- 1 Simple solution to a big problem
- 2 "Just stop already!"
- 3 Laura of "Ozark"
- 4 Mine locales
- 5 Caps or cones preceder
- 6 Cannellini, e.g.
- 7 The National Mall has more than 300 of them
- 8 Shabbily made
- 9 Famously sleepy animals
- 10 Terribly eager
- 11 Monopoly square between Marvin Gardens and Pacific Avenue
- 12 Extremely catchy tunes



PUZZLE BY KEVIN PATTERSON

- 16 Gift of persuasiveness
- 18 Like some healthier potato chips
- 24 "I did NOT need to hear that!" in brief
- 26 "Absolutely!"
- 30 Heinous
- 32 Crow
- 33 Compete in the America's Cup, say
- 34 Prefix with genetics

- 35 An ice place to go?
- 37 Lacking
- 38 Nearly massless subatomic particle
- 40 Some flower girls
- 42 Marvel character with metallic skin
- 43 Thumbs-down
- 45 Dec. 31
- 47 "Here's an idea ..."
- 49 Player at the highest-elevation N.F.L. stadium

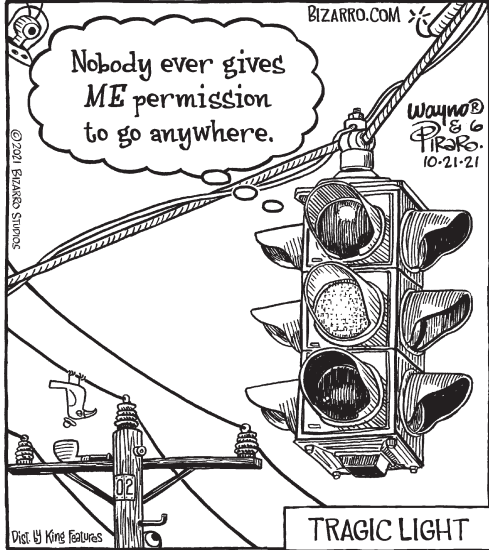
- 50 Debacle
- 51 Metonym for the movie industry
- 54 Super Mario creature that resembles a turtle
- 55 More confident
- 57 Sag
- 59 Pixy \_\_\_ (candy brand)
- 61 Philosopher Descartes
- 65 Aier of Ken Burns documentaries

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#### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



#### BIZARRO



#### DENNIS THE MENACE



#### HERMAN



#### JUMBLE

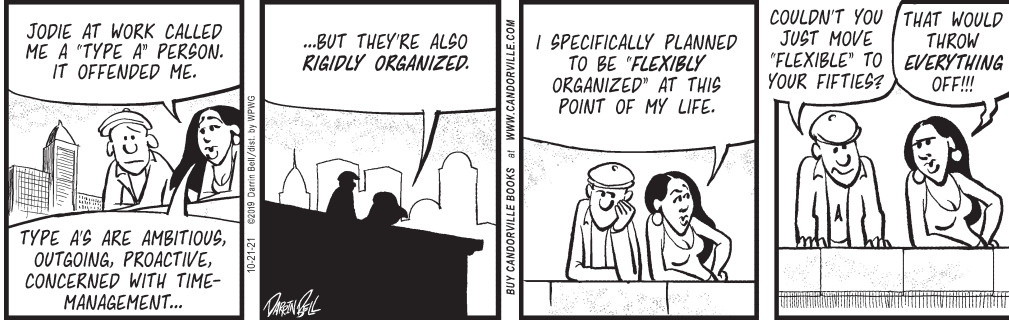
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

VRWEA  
AHTSS  
THYMRH  
BARTIB

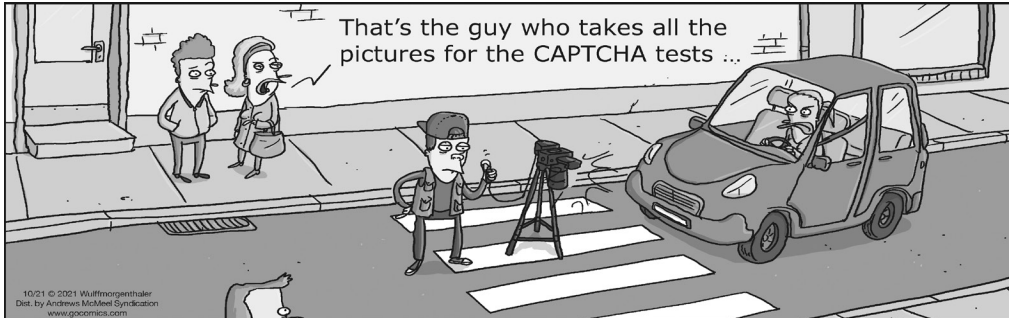
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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#### CANDORVILLE



#### WUMO



#### ZITS



## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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- ACROSS
- 1 Wildfire prevention ads, e.g.: Abbr.
- 5 Short video
- 9 Valentino classic, with "The"
- 14 Certain sax
- 15 Cocktail garnish
- 16 Redhead of Bedrock
- 17 Top prize
- 19 Highly skilled
- 20 Lab eggs
- 21 Stereotypical baby "words"
- 23 Minimal damage
- 25 Mag. edition
- 26 Small but distinctive amount
- 28 Mandatory bet
- 29 \_\_\_ Bar: Apple support service
- 32 CIA relative
- 33 Homer's "Sailing a Dory," e.g.
- 35 Insults, with "on"
- 37 \_\_\_ land
- 38 Word with date or dance
- 40 Pickle unit
- 43 Scottish winds
- 47 Number of "Friends" seasons
- 48 Siesta wrap
- 51 NYC gallery
- 52 Where women click on the links?: Abbr.
- 54 Backing
- 55 Course from a bar
- 56 You may not need a bookmark for one ... and a hint to this puzzle's circles
- 60 Feminine side
- 61 Spawn
- 62 Square, for one
- 64 Place for games
- 65 Do some craftwork
- 66 Troubles
- 67 CEO's aides
- 68 Italian pronoun
- 69 Words in many law firm names

- 3 Margaret Mitchell's birthplace
- 4 Gardener's purchase
- 5 Egyptian queen, familiarly
- 6 Venetian resort
- 7 "Just think!"
- 8 She's behind Harris in the current presidential line of succession
- 9 Bravado
- 10 Greeting from a sideline, maybe
- 11 Polished
- 12 Deadlock
- 13 Kit \_\_\_
- 18 Classic British sports cars
- 22 Pac-12's Beavers
- 24 Where Musk is CEO
- 27 Owns
- 29 Gadot of "Wonder Woman"
- 30 Org. concerned with PCB's
- 31 Mail in a box
- 34 Pixar film in which Paul Newman voiced a Hudson Hornet

- 36 Jung's inner self
- 38 63-Down genre
- 39 It's just a number, they say
- 40 Home of the NHL's Blues
- 41 Pizza topping
- 42 Fascinates
- 43 Scrubby wastelands
- 44 62-Across, for one
- 45 Sent a note to, nowadays
- 46 Blue state
- 49 Little newt
- 50 Boxer/actor Mickey
- 53 Secret \_\_\_
- 55 Spanish Mrs.
- 57 Flight sked info
- 58 TV series for 18 seasons
- 59 Jazz diva Jones
- 61 Sheepish remark?
- 63 "Straight Outta Compton" group

#### 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.

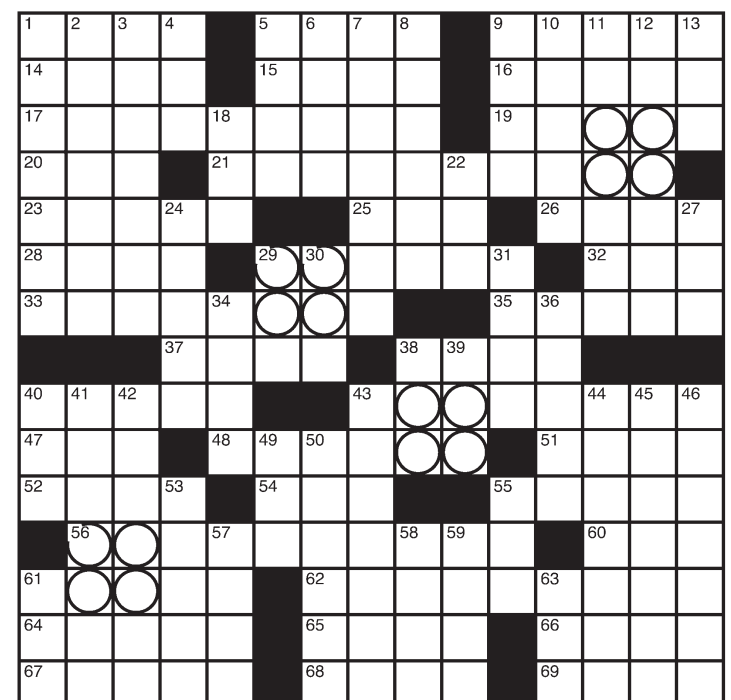
#### SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU

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

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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