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### Daily Bridge Club

## Under his breath

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Cy the Cynic has acquired the habit of muttering to himself while he is declarer.

"Why do you do that?" I asked. "To get an expert opinion on how I should play," Cy said resolutely.

At today's four spades, Cy won the first club in dummy, mumbled for a while and led a diamond: six, ten, queen. Cy won the next club and cashed the ace of diamonds. He next took the A-K of trumps. When East discarded, the Cynic lost a trump plus a club and a heart for down one and emitted an oath under his breath.

"Whoever you're consulting is ineffective," I said.

and he rebids two hearts. What do you say?

**ANSWER:** Partner's rebid promises six or more hearts, and you have good controls and a possible source of tricks in spades. Bid six hearts. You could mark time with a bid of three clubs to pursue a grand slam, but "bashing" — bidding what you think you can make — is still a viable approach to slam bidding.

South dealer  
N-S vulnerable

**NORTH**  
♠ K 3 2  
♥ 8 5  
♦ J 9 5 3 2  
♣ K 6 4

**WEST**  
♠ Q 10 4  
♥ Q 9 2  
♦ K Q 8 7  
♣ Q J 10

**EAST**  
♠ 9  
♥ K J 10 7 6 3  
♦ 6 4  
♣ 9 8 7 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ A J 8 7 6 5  
♥ A 4  
♦ A 10  
♣ A 5 3

South 1♠ Pass  
West 2♠ All Pass  
North 2♠ Pass  
East Pass

Opening lead — ♣ Q

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### DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ A J 8 7 6 5 ♥ A 4  
♦ A 10 ♣ A 5 3. Your partner opens one heart, you respond one spade

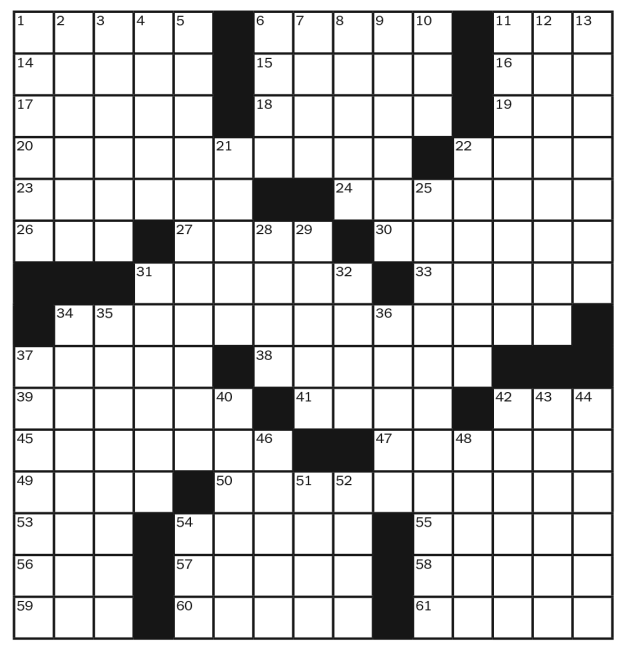
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## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 1225

- ACROSS**
- Temple figure
  - Joins hands?
  - Refresh, as the memory
  - "All this kid stuff now, it's crazy"
  - Fictional hero whose name is Spanish for "fox"
  - Link, of a sort
  - \_\_\_ code
  - Setting for the start of "The Sound of Music"
  - Locale traversed by Lewis and Clark: Abbr.
  - Studio upgrade
  - Standouts on the pitcher's mound
- DOWN**
- Not handle ice well, say
  - Tour grp.
  - Whistle blower
  - Watering hole
  - They end in septembre
  - Type of rental agreement
  - Topper
  - Book club leader on TV
  - Sound
  - "If u ask me ..."
  - Madame \_\_\_ (online lifestyle magazine)
  - Pharmaceutical giant, informally
  - Perfect score ... or half of one
  - Parts of an assembly
  - City NE of Manchester



PUZZLE BY ERIK AGARD AND WENDY L. BRANDES

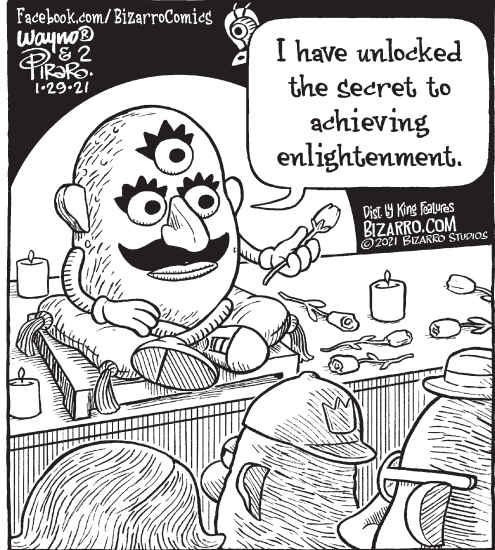
- Spot to pick up a smoothie
- Process involving a server
- Readers, e.g.
- Labor leader?
- Was su-u-uper into
- "Better than I expected!"
- Popular fantasy film franchise, for short
- Word on either side of "to"
- Sorting header in a music app
- "The Avengers" role
- When the sports preshow ends
- Used as improv fodder, say
- Sound
- Like many a campsite at night
- Fishing gear left underwater
- Toy associated with France
- Throw away all inhibitions
- Gets to
- Like ghost stories
- One of Donald Duck's nephews
- Major D.C. lobby
- "\_\_\_ Gotta Have It"
- Ending with clip or slip

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

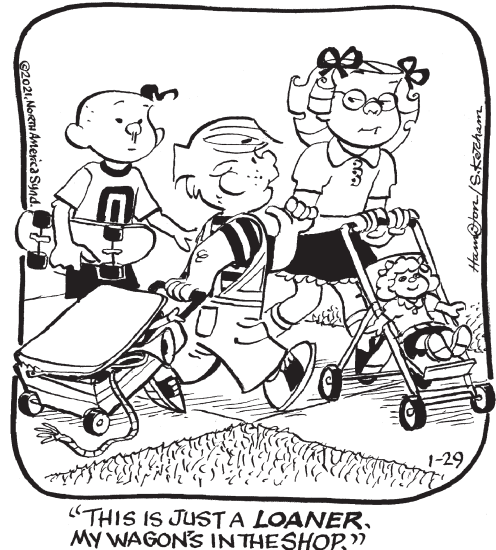


- DOWN**
- Con
  - Supreme Egyptian god
  - Rib-eye request
  - Overindulges in 5-Down
  - Activity by the water cooler
  - Magnate
  - Rebecca in the Basketball Hall of Fame
  - Shaded area
  - Like many biochem majors
  - Kind of flour

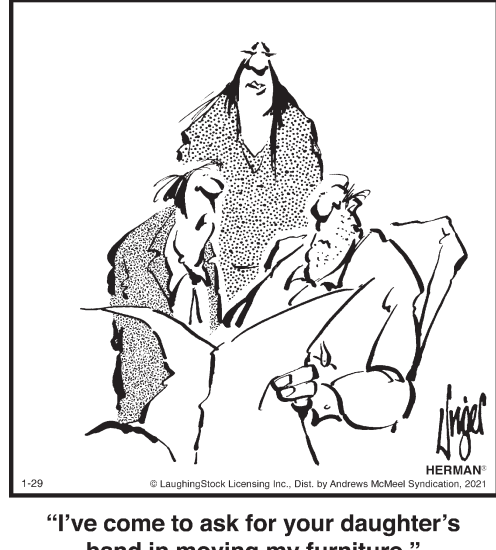
### BIZARRO



### DENNIS THE MENACE



### HERMAN



### JUMBLE

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

GNTIE  
GAAED  
RYELEM  
TAISHU

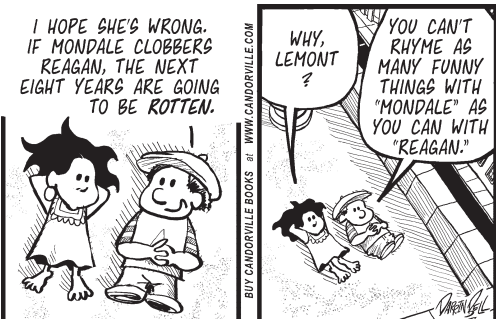
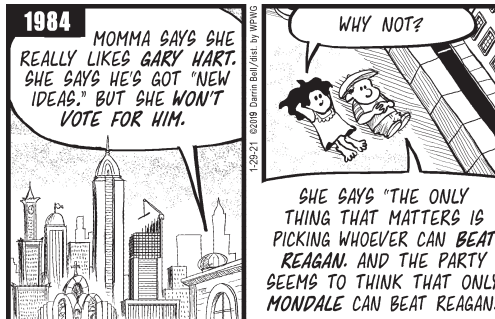
TO COME UP WITH REVENUE PROJECTIONS, THE OWNERS OF THE INN ...

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

Answers tomorrow

Yesterday's Jumbles: GRAFT HUMAN MOSTLY TIRADE  
Answer: Brian Epstein knew what to do after seeing the Beatles because he had — "FOUR-SIGHT"

### CANDORVILLE



### WUMO



### ZITS

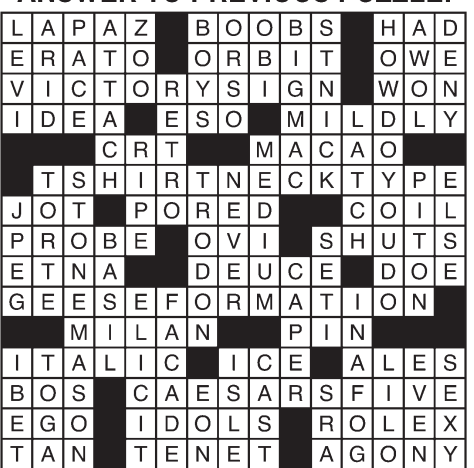


## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS**
- Hybrid cycle
  - Technology that uses polarized light, briefly
  - Boo-boo
  - Baba ghanouj ingredient
  - Yellowfin tuna
  - "That was close!"
  - Preserve, in a way
  - \*Reference work for canine lovers?
  - Range in the home, maybe
  - Keep going
  - \*Instructional work for expectant mothers?
  - Punk rock offshoot
  - Calculating
  - Grunts, so to speak
  - Got going
  - Simmons competitor
  - Cork's place
  - \*Fictional work about a pick-up artist?
  - Requiem Mass word
  - Layers
  - There are lots of them
  - Beats by \_\_\_
  - Some tags
  - Afternoon refresher
  - \*Illustrated work for bullpen pitchers?
  - Tries to influence, with "with"
  - Worship
  - Paperback designed to simulate animation ... and a hint to the answers to starred clues
  - Tried and true
  - Choice
  - Parrot
  - Unbending
  - Written reminder
- DOWN**
- "The Spanish Tragedy" dramatist
  - Strong point
  - Cat, say
  - "Yowza!"
  - It can be grand
  - Darkroom gear
  - Skeptical, as a view
  - Weighed down
  - Group that blends well
  - Tries to unearth
  - Major work
  - Formal wear
  - Mil. roadside hazard
  - Sweater material source
  - Shades of blue
  - River to the Colorado
  - Noodles
  - Barcelona-born surrealist
  - Cruciverbalist Reagle of "Wordplay"
  - Words of praise
  - Guns
  - What many writers work on
  - Be in a cast
  - Specialty
  - Rin Tin Tin autograph, e.g.
  - Leather sources
  - Soft ball material
  - Mine vehicles
  - Keeper's concern
  - Spirited horse
  - Saturate again
  - "Hang on \_\_\_": 1965 #1 hit
  - Apple video-editing app
  - Run
  - Chanel product
  - Signed
  - Dinnertime draws
  - Duel tool
  - \_\_\_ club
  - 55 WC
  - Smokey Bear TV spot, for one

### 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

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

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