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### Daily Bridge Club

## Course correction

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“Stock up on liquid paper; it’s a corrector’s item.” — graffiti  
I continue a series on choosing a suit to attack. Many factors may influence your choice, but if you choose wrongly, it may be too late for a correction.

At today’s 3NT, South won the second club and attacked his best suit: He led the queen of diamonds to finesse. East took the king and led his last club, and South won and tried the A-J of diamonds. When West threw a spade, South had to lead a spade: A winning heart finesse and a 3-3 break would give him only eight tricks. West won and took two clubs for down one.

#### WRONG SUIT

South attacked the wrong suit. In case he had to lose the lead twice in setting up nine tricks, he needed to lose to West early, before West’s clubs were good.

South must lead a spade at Trick Three. If West wins and continues clubs, South wins and passes the queen of diamonds. East wins but has no club to lead, and South is sure of two diamonds, three spades, two clubs and two hearts.

#### DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ Q 10 7 ♥ A 6 2  
♦ A J 9 7 6 ♣ 7 6. Your partner

opens one spade. The next player passes. What do you say?

**ANSWER:** In “Standard” methods, bid two diamonds. If partner rebids two spades, raise to three (or to four if you feel bullish). If he bids two hearts, bid two or three spades. In a game-forcing two-over-one style, you must judge whether to force to game. If you think not, you must respond 1NT. That is one of several aspects of “2/1” I dislike.

South dealer  
N-S vulnerable

**NORTH**  
♠ Q 10 7  
♥ A 6 2  
♦ A J 9 7 6  
♣ 7 6

**WEST**  
♥ A 4  
♠ Q 10 9 7  
♦ 8 3  
♣ Q J 10 9 5

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

**SOUTH**  
♠ K J 6 5  
♥ K J 5 4  
♦ Q 5  
♣ A K 4

South 1NT West Pass North 3NT East All Pass

Opening lead — ♣ Q

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#### SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?

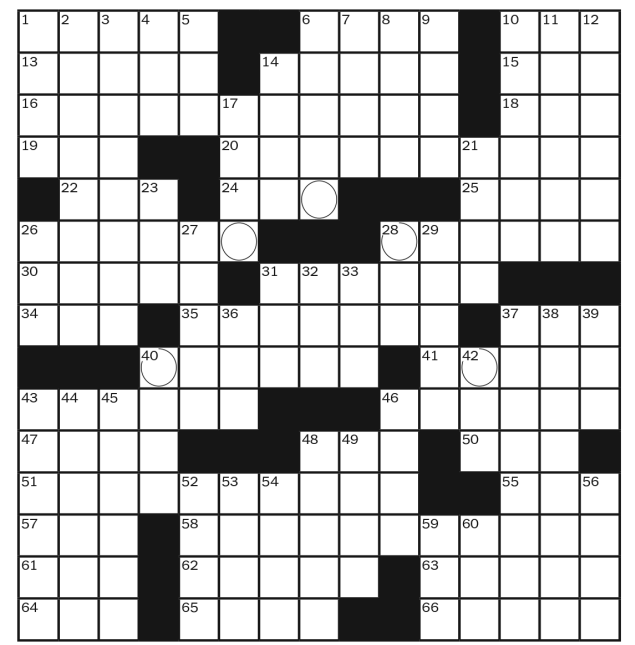
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## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0217

- ACROSS**
- 1 Option in a classic taste test
  - 6 Beat out
  - 10 In vogue
  - 13 “\_\_\_ moi le déluge”
  - 14 Greeting in an inbox
  - 15 Political commentator Navarro
  - 16 Portrayer of Carla Tortelli on “Cheers”
  - 18 “Full Frontal With Samantha Bee” network
  - 19 Fraternity party container
  - 20 “Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip” co-star
  - 22 Can alternative
  - 24 Squeaker or squealer
  - 25 Least bit
  - 26 Do some whining and whinging about
  - 28 “The Lion King” antagonists
  - 30 Doctor with an eponymous “slip”
  - 31 Bygone copies
  - 34 Hula hoops or fidget spinners, once
  - 35 Huggies, e.g.
  - 37 Aladdin’s mischievous sidekick
  - 40 “No need to worry about me”
  - 41 Start of a toast
  - 43 & 46 Together with the circled letters, playground keep-away game
  - 47 Relative of a cor anglais
  - 48 Slugger’s stat
  - 50 Filming locale
  - 51 Cause of a comedic slip
  - 55 Group featuring Dr. Dre, Eazy-E and Ice Cube
- DOWN**
- 1 Place name in Monopoly
  - 2 Fleeting things
  - 3 Had drinks before going out, informally
  - 4 Blue expanse
  - 5 AOL, e.g.
  - 6 Stylish flair
  - 7 “Phooey!,” only stronger
  - 8 \_\_\_ school
  - 9 \_\_\_ Turnblad, role for Divine in “Hairspray”
  - 10 Talk trash about
  - 11 Still under development
  - 12 “Never-ending” offerings at Olive Garden
  - 14 Columnist Bombeck
  - 17 Get paid
  - 21 Pizzas, e.g.
  - 23 Who just cracked this clue



PUZZLE BY DAVID HARRIS AND EVAN KALISH

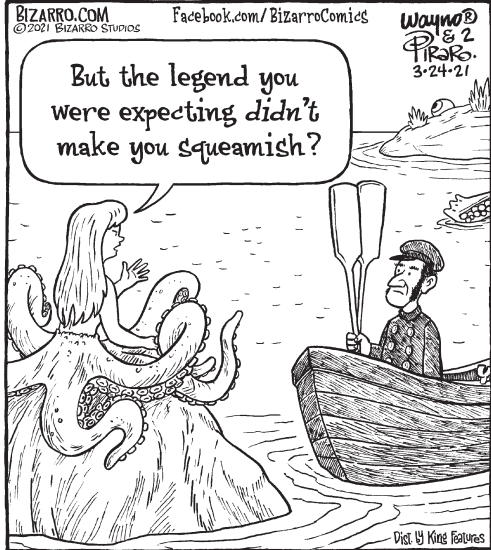
- 26 One who likes every one of your Insta posts, say
- 27 Social media request
- 28 2013 title role for Scarlett Johansson
- 29 Mario’s dinosaur sidekick
- 31 World leader with a distinctive jacket
- 32 Stock market debut, for short
- 33 \_\_\_ B or \_\_\_ C of the Spice Girls
- 36 Standoffish
- 37 With passion
- 38 Metropolitan ring roads
- 39 Manipulate
- 40 Seller of Uppland and Ektorp sofas
- 42 Proofer, for short
- 43 Order from Tony Soprano, e.g.
- 44 Former White House family
- 45 Sharp rejection
- 46 Salsa option
- 48 Some auctioned autos
- 49 The missing letters in \_\_\_UDW\_IS\_
- 52 Emmy-winning science series
- 53 Take \_\_\_ (snooze)
- 54 Lightish
- 56 Where edelweiss grows
- 59 Antipollution org.
- 60 Weep audibly

#### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

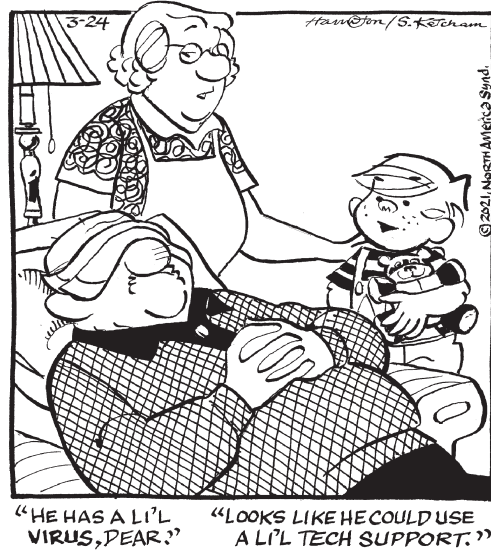
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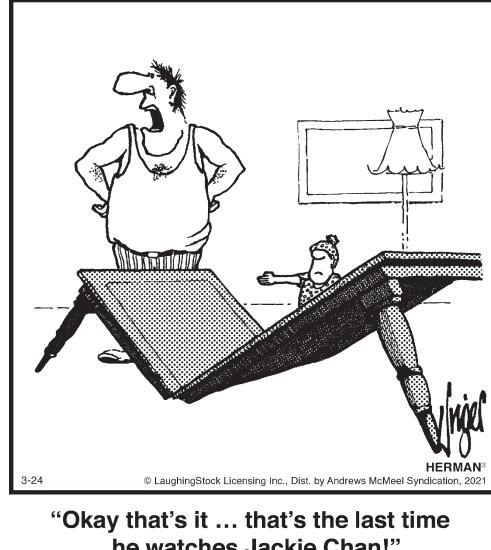
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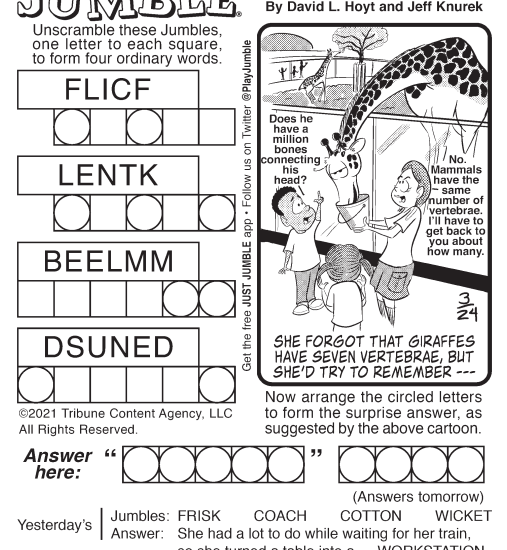
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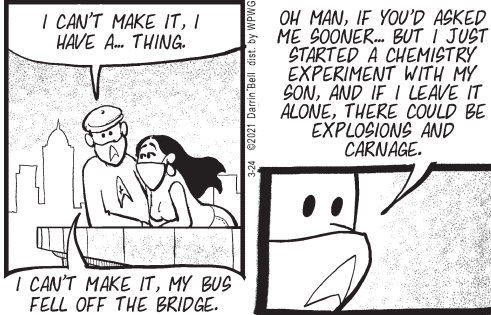
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### JUMBLE



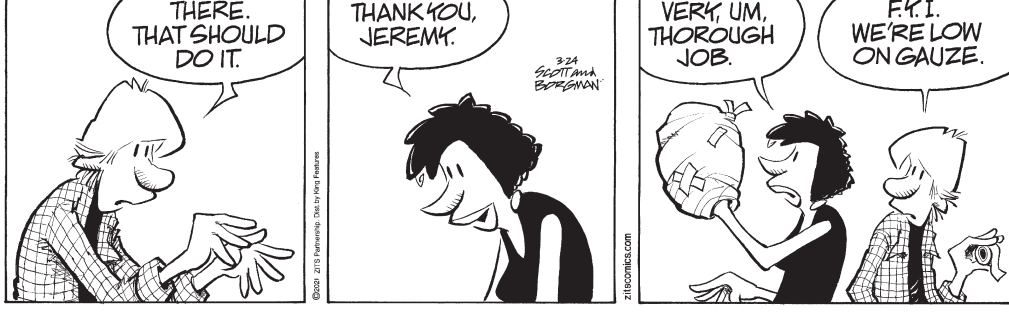
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### WUMO



### ZITS

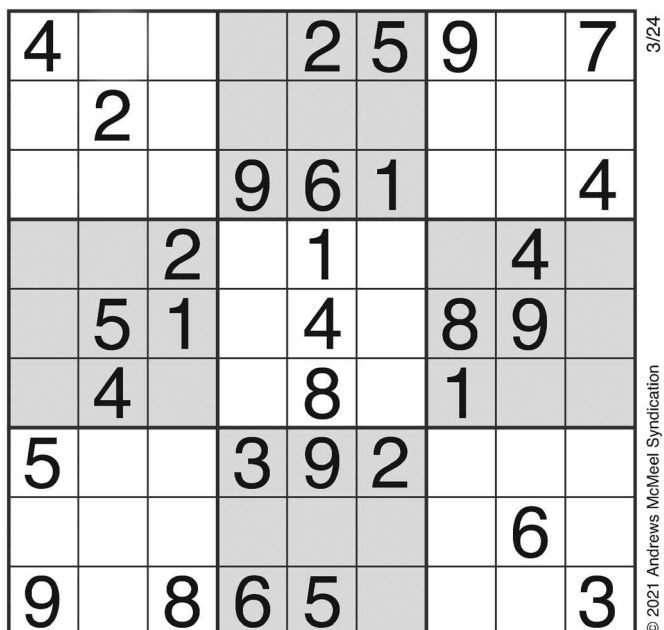


### SUDOKU

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

#### SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU

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



DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

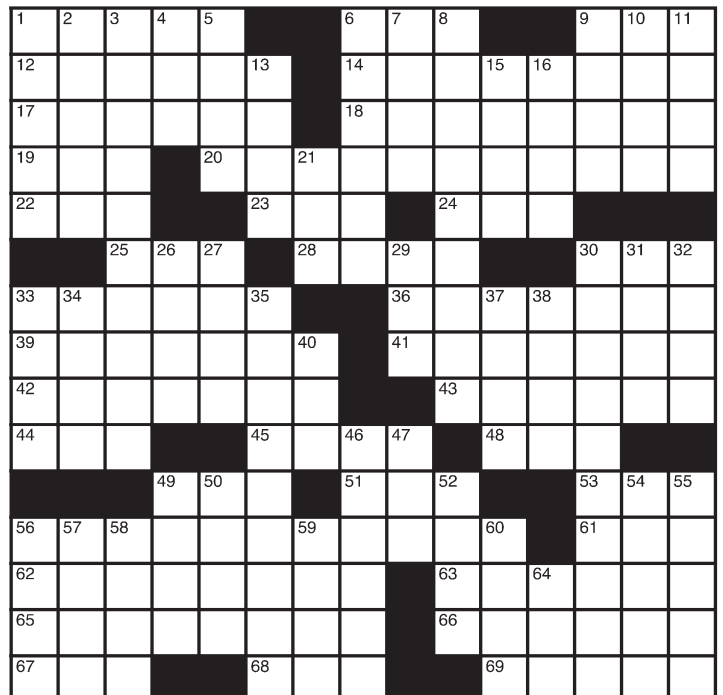
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Concerning
  - 6 Letters replacing a list
  - 9 Afternoon snooze
  - 12 Nighttime party
  - 14 Soccer tiebreaker, perhaps
  - 17 County on the English Channel
  - 18 Canyon namesake of dry California winds
  - 19 Tree with elastic wood
  - 20 \*Matches with known outcomes
  - 22 Hi-\_\_\_ TV
  - 23 What “X” may mean
  - 24 Music center?
  - 25 Dennis the Menace, for one
  - 28 Beloved
  - 30 Monk’s title
  - 33 Cultural setting
  - 36 Black and blue?
  - 39 H or O, in H<sub>2</sub>O
  - 41 Contrasting ornaments
  - 42 Roald Dahl title heroine
  - 43 Submitted, as a manuscript
  - 44 Kvetching sounds
  - 45 Weakens
  - 48 Give voice to
  - 49 \_\_\_ Lingus
  - 51 Partner in a 2020 peace agreement with Isr.
  - 53 Quite a ways away
  - 56 \*Music group’s lead violinist, casually
  - 61 Anger
  - 62 Imagining
  - 63 Photo taken backwards?
  - 65 Marine Corps motto, briefly, and a hint to the answers to starred clues
  - 66 Thrills
  - 67 General on a menu
  - 68 Fair-hiring letters
  - 69 Flair
- DOWN**
- 1 Syrian leader
  - 2 W.C. Fields persona
  - 3 \*Fast-food alternatives to burgers
  - 4 RN workplaces
  - 5 Sailing danger
  - 6 Ancient mystic
  - 7 Jazz trumpeter Jones
  - 8 Meeting group
  - 9 Biblical boater
  - 10 Bee, to Opie
  - 11 School orgs.
  - 13 Leave
  - 15 Name seen on one’s way to the penthouse?
  - 16 License plates
  - 21 Marked on a ballot
  - 26 “La Bohème” role
  - 27 Banana covering
  - 29 Hunk’s pride
  - 30 \*Like half a chance
  - 31 APR-reducing loan
  - 32 Pt. of AAA
  - 33 Office notice
  - 34 “Now \_\_\_ me down to sleep ...”
  - 35 Being severely criticized
  - 37 Numbered rds.
  - 38 Novelist Jaffe
  - 40 Diner check
  - 46 Aussie parrot, briefly
  - 47 Mournful
  - 49 33-Down demand, perhaps
  - 50 Luncheon end?
  - 52 “... or \_\_\_!”
  - 54 Cartoon mermaid
  - 55 Actress Witherspoon
  - 56 Punch deliverer
  - 57 March time
  - 58 San \_\_\_: Italian resort
  - 59 Recon target
  - 60 Snigger’s catch
  - 64 Map line: Abbr.

#### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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

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