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### Daily Bridge Club

## Magic moves

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Cy the Cynic is getting older — and wicker. “It would be nice,” Cy told me in the club lounge, “if I could put myself in a dryer for 10 minutes and come out wrinkle-free and two sizes smaller.”

There is no magic way to become a good declarer; you must study the techniques. At today’s five clubs, South took the ace of hearts and led a trump to dummy’s queen. On the next trump, East showed out, and West won and shifted to the ten of spades. Declarer had to finesse — and went down when East had the king.

#### FIRST TRUMP

South can afford two trump losers but must manage the trumps so West can’t win an early trick and lead a spade through dummy. South succeeds with “avoidance” technique: He must play dummy’s ten on the first trump.

As the cards lie, South makes an overtrick, but the contract would be safe even if East held the jack. South could ruff a heart return, lose to the ace of trumps, win West’s spade shift, draw trumps and run the diamonds to discard spades from dummy.

#### DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ A Q 4 ♥ 8 3 2  
♦ Q 6 4 ♣ Q 10 6 2. Your partner opens one diamond, you respond

INT and he bids two clubs. North in today’s deal then bid two spades with this hand. What do you make of that call?

**ANSWER:** North’s bid showed club support, a maximum hand and spade strength. Since North had not responded one spade, he couldn’t have a spade suit. North judged that his hand was too promising for a chance-giving raise to three clubs.

South dealer  
Both sides vulnerable

**NORTH**  
♠ A Q 4  
♥ 8 3 2  
♦ Q 6 4  
♣ Q 10 6 2

**WEST**  
♠ J 9 6  
♥ Q J 10 5 4  
♦ 8 5  
♣ A J 9

**EAST**  
♠ K 10 8 5 3  
♥ K 9 7 6  
♦ 9 3 2  
♣ 8

**SOUTH**  
♠ 7 2  
♥ A  
♦ A K J 10 7  
♣ K 7 5 4 3

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

Opening lead — ♥ Q

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# The New York Times Crossword

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#### ACROSS

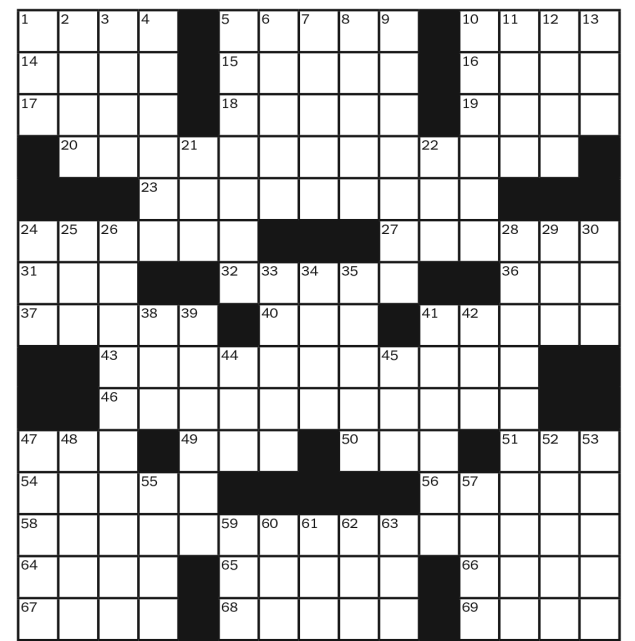
- 1 Lead-in to love or care
- 5 Begins to wake
- 10 Part of a frame
- 14 Cowboy boot feature
- 15 “Pagliacci” baritone
- 16 “Vesti la giubba,” in “Pagliacci”
- 17 Number that, in Chinese languages, is a homophone for “longevity,” and is thus considered good luck
- 18 Man with morals
- 19 Something you might do “over backward”
- 20 Poem subtitled “A Ballad of the Republic Sung in the Year 1888”
- 23 Discard
- 24 Hidalgo honorific

- 27 One greeting others with the shaka sign
- 31 Day-\_\_\_ paint
- 32 Family room fixture
- 36 1950s White House nickname
- 37 Accessory for Wonder Woman
- 40 Greeting in Portuguese
- 41 \_\_\_ pants
- 43 Some winter travelers to the U.S.
- 46 Restaurant request
- 47 “The Louisville Lip”
- 49 \_\_\_ culpa
- 50 Goof
- 51 Hokkaido honorific
- 54 Spokes, say
- 56 \_\_\_-Coeur (Paris basilica)

- 58 Easy-to-resolve situation ... or a hint to the progression found in 20-, 23-, 43-, 46- and 58-Across
- 64 Fix
- 65 Sign of spring
- 66 Player that debuted in 2001
- 67 Chaka Khan, vocally
- 68 David of the Talking Heads
- 69 Refuse

#### DOWN

- 1 I.R.S. ID
- 2 The “Mahabharata” or the “Ramayana”
- 3 Moon goddess
- 4 Certain Michelangelo work
- 5 Patronizes, as a hotel
- 6 Ready-\_\_\_ (convenient food option)
- 7 Where Ariana Grande has 230+ million followers, informally
- 8 Hoots
- 9 Specious reasoner
- 10 Talk nonsense
- 11 Floor plan info
- 12 Ideal condition for collectibles
- 13 “\_\_\_ dog!”
- 21 Pencil holder, at times
- 22 End of a professor’s address
- 24 \_\_\_ Pepper



PUZZLE BY HAL MOORE

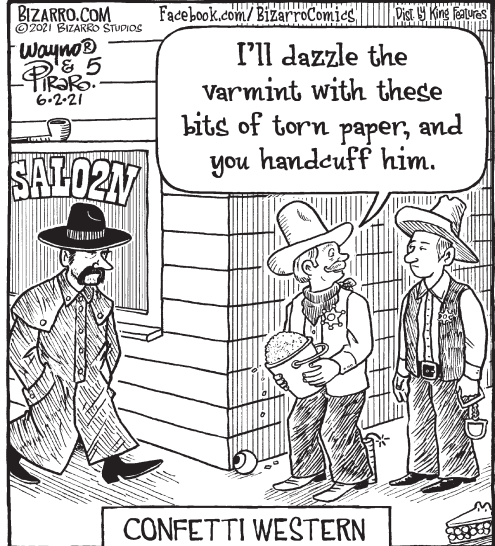
#### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- 25 “The Book of \_\_\_” (2010 film)
- 26 Done intentionally
- 28 Where the “balcony scene” takes place in “West Side Story”
- 29 Scratch (out)
- 30 “Out of Time” band
- 33 The spirit of Russia?
- 34 Haphazardly assemble, with “together”
- 35 Two concentric circles, on a golf scorecard
- 38 Fan noise
- 39 Target for iron supplements
- 41 Inspiration for Citizen Kane
- 42 \_\_\_-backwards
- 44 Crackerjack
- 45 Always, to poets
- 47 Something you might pick up at a bakery
- 48 Place for a pin
- 52 Basis of some insurance fraud
- 53 High-maintenance, in a way
- 55 \_\_\_-European languages
- 57 What’s anything but basic?
- 59 Catch
- 60 Like some wine and humor
- 61 “Aaron Burr, \_\_\_” (“Hamilton” song)
- 62 Female lobster
- 63 Manipulate

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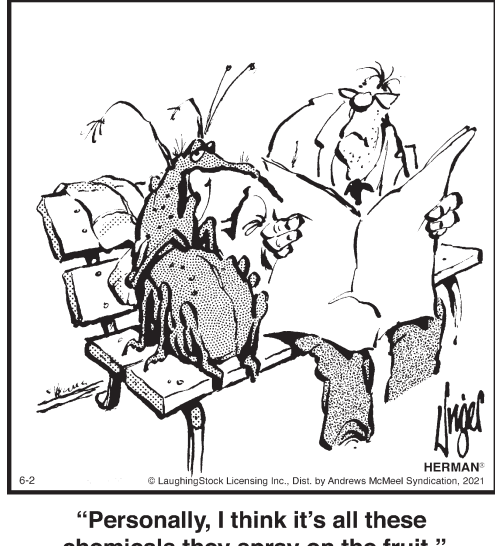
### BIZARRO



### DENNIS THE MENACE



### HERMAN



### JUMBLE

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

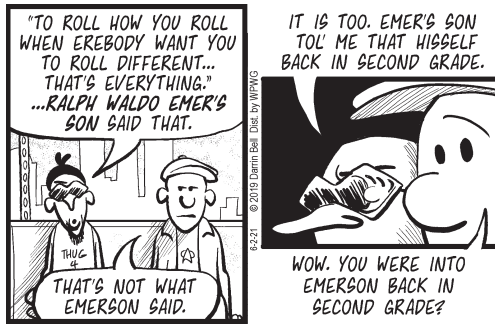
GULAH  
ACNIP  
RKLEEN  
PMRIOT

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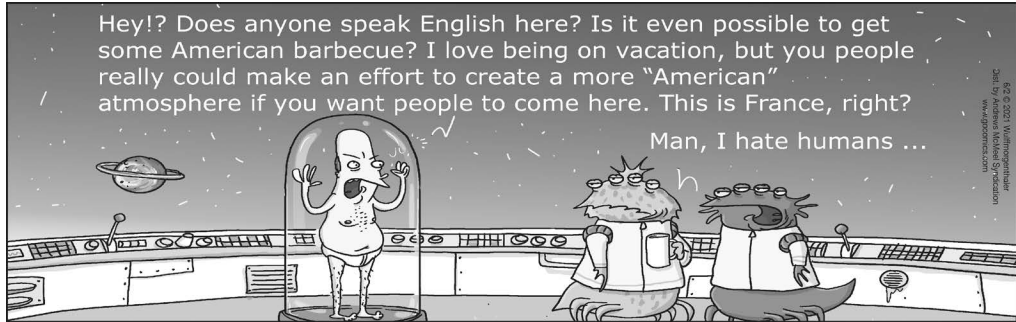
(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: SWUNG THEME WEIGHT STRONG  
Answer: When Zero courted his girlfriend Nada, he whispered — SWEET NOTHINGS

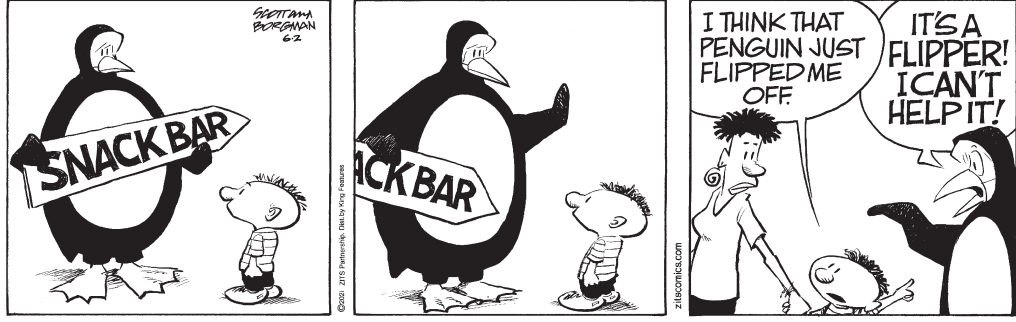
### CANDORVILLE



### WUMO



### ZITS



## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS
- 1 Many veggie dishes
- 7 No
- 13 Go places
- 14 Type of eyeglass spray
- 16 Quito apron-like dress?
- 19 Alt. spelling
- 20 ORD postings
- 21 “Off with her head!” head owner
- 23 Fed. power dept.
- 25 Sana’a citrus fruit?
- 29 Tubular hangers in delis
- 32 “Either thou, \_\_\_ ... must go with him”: Romeo
- 33 Spanish Surrealist
- 34 Yoga surface
- 35 Grand in scale
- 36 Legendary Spanish knight
- 37 Suva car wash implement?
- 41 When doubled, amply covered New Orleans classic
- 43 Chowder, e.g.
- 44 Set on fire
- 45 Bjorn with five Wimbledon wins
- 47 “Bird Set Free” singer
- 48 Live wires
- 52 Bamako dog?
- 55 Rob of “9-1-1: Lone Star”
- 56 Move about, as water in a pan
- 57 Campus sports org.
- 60 “What’s more ...”
- 61 Yerevan flower?
- 66 Big name in electric shavers
- 67 Gift of the gifted
- 68 Pulls a chair up to, as a table
- 69 Slight amount
- DOWN
- 1 Rick who tours Europe on PBS
- 2 Little-known information
- 3 Winner’s wreath
- 4 Actress Gardner
- 5 \_\_\_ Gardner, co-producer of “Moonlight” and “Selma,” among others
- 6 Vending machine feature
- 7 Go unrenewed
- 8 What the names of three contiguous U.S. states begin with
- 9 USPS delivery
- 10 Source of Souls
- 11 Butcher’s waste
- 12 Pulled a switcheroo on, say
- 15 Pained expression
- 17 2020 World Series team
- 18 Food safety concern
- 22 City west of Tulsa
- 24 Malek of “Mr. Robot”
- 26 Attend to a spill
- 27 One of a “Great” five
- 28 “\_\_\_ done!”
- 30 Rank above capt.
- 31 “I’m telling the truth!”
- 35 Part of ERA
- 37 Down in the dumps
- 38 Garden base
- 39 Singapore Sling liquor
- 40 End-of-list abbr. feature
- 41 PCs, originally
- 42 Critter in old Qantas ads
- 46 Gadgets
- 48 Ten: Pref.
- 49 Complained
- 50 Renting alternative
- 51 Tranquil
- 53 “SNL” alum
- 54 Pricey bar
- 58 Muses may represent them
- 59 Genesis guy
- 62 Word with profit or weight
- 63 They, in French
- 64 Obamacare, for short
- 65 Quarterback Manning

#### 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.

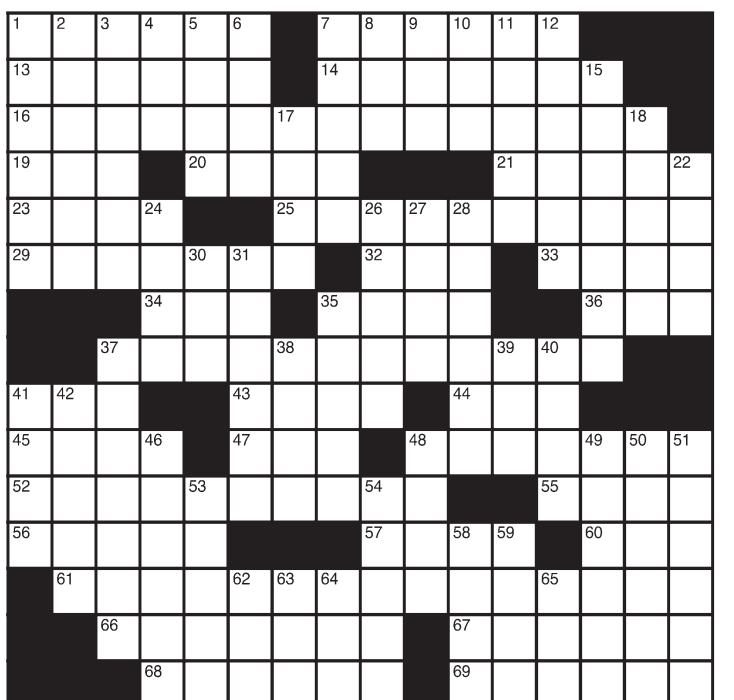
#### SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU

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

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

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