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### Daily Bridge Club

## Cy's queen's gambit

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"I heard you have a new girlfriend," I said to Cy the Cynic.  
"I met this one at a chess club," Cy nodded.

"Don't tell me," I sighed. "She made the first move."  
The opening lead — the first move in the play — can affect how declarer operates. Suppose West leads the jack of hearts against today's four spades. Take the ace and lead the ace and a low club. Win the heart return in dummy, ruff a club, draw trumps and ruff the last club. Then exit with a heart.

If East wins, he must lead a diamond to avoid conceding a ruff-sluff, and you can hope to guess right. (As the cards lie, you go down, having done your best.)

diamond and he bids one heart. What do you say?

**ANSWER:** No action is attractive, but you should not pass one heart when your partner might have as many as 18 points and you have three honors in his suits. Game is still possible. Bid two clubs. Your partner may have opened with a "prepared bid" on a three-card suit, but then he will have to extricate himself as best he can.

South dealer  
N-S vulnerable

**NORTH**  
♠ Q 10 8 4  
♥ K 7 3  
♦ J 5  
♣ A 8 5 4

**WEST**  
♠ 5 2  
♥ J 10 9 2  
♦ A Q 10  
♣ J 10 9 3

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

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K J 9 7  
♥ A 6 5  
♦ K 4 3  
♣ 6 2

South 1 ♠ West Pass North 3 ♠ East Pass  
4 ♠ All Pass

#### DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ 6 3 ♥ Q 8 4  
♦ 9 8 7 6 2 ♣ K Q 7. Your partner opens one club, you respond one

Opening lead — Choose it

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#### SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?

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## The New York Times Crossword

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#### ACROSS

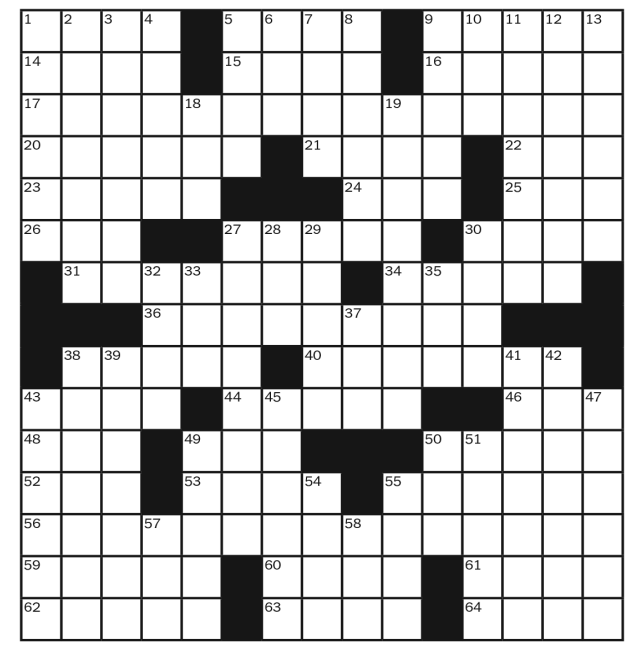
- 1 Response to a knock at the door, perhaps
- 5 Vancouver Canucks' mascot Fin, for one
- 9 Pet peeves?
- 14 Chuck
- 15 Totally improvise
- 16 Deplete
- 17 First line of a three-line poem
- 20 What Yellowstone's Old Faithful does about 17 times a day
- 21 Deal (with)
- 22 Erector Set piece
- 23 "Heart of Darkness" character who cries "The horror! The horror!"
- 24 In 2020, they outsold CDs for the first time since 1986
- 25 Globe

- 26 1st to 228th, in Manhattan: Abbr.
- 27 \_\_\_ Solis, Obama-era secretary of labor
- 30 With 36- and 43-Across, second line of the poem
- 31 Pepper between jalapeño and cayenne on the Scoville heat scale
- 34 John \_\_\_, husband of Pocahontas
- 36 See 30-Across
- 38 Less forward
- 40 Sticky stuff that drips down the side of a cone?
- 43 See 30-Across
- 44 David \_\_\_, boss on the British version of "The Office"
- 46 Apple or orange seed

- 48 \_\_\_ Victory, world's oldest naval ship still in commission
- 49 \_\_\_ Paulo
- 50 Less naïve
- 52 Suggestion, colloquially
- 53 Sacha Baron Cohen character
- 55 Wet weather wear
- 56 Final line of the poem
- 59 Year-end reward
- 60 Real first name of singer Lorde
- 61 Writer \_\_\_ Stanley Gardner
- 62 "Yesssss!"
- 63 "Nooooo!"
- 64 Harmonica piece

#### DOWN

- 1 Removes quickly, with "away"
- 2 Yields
- 3 "... not to mention everything else that could go wrong!"
- 4 Scoff at
- 5 Real head-turners
- 6 Free from, with "of"
- 7 "Fast Money" channel
- 8 Like hallowed traditions
- 9 Certain ways to work
- 10 Wood in Louisville Sluggers
- 11 Remove quickly, as a Band-Aid



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- 12 "Just go with it"
- 13 Zoomed past
- 18 Potato chip brand
- 19 Seeming
- 27 Kitty litter?
- 28 Finalize, as a deal
- 29 Jeweler's magnifying glass
- 30 A group of them is called an archipel
- 32 "Seven Seas of \_\_\_" (Queen's first radio hit)

- 33 Addison \_\_\_, high-earning TikTok personality
- 35 Mined matter
- 37 The 1, in 1-0
- 38 "Be reasonable, will you!"
- 39 Like an over-the-top display of wealth
- 41 Fig. on a college application
- 42 Big stupid mouth
- 43 Beats
- 45 Shook up

- 47 Extended the duration of
- 49 Speak, as thou might
- 50 Hardship
- 51 Bury
- 54 Big do
- 55 Strategy
- 57 Not just accept a wrong, say
- 58 Racial justice movement since 2013, for short

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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.

LHIFT

LUCKA

ROTPUO

TEBURT

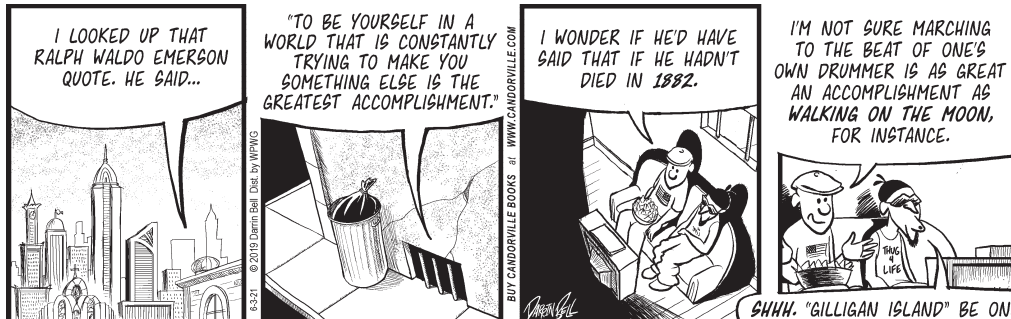
THE CONNECTED PAPER DOLLS WANTED TO BE ON THEIR OWN, BUT THEY WEREN'T

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

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: LAUGH PANIC KERNEL IMPORT  
Answer: He hadn't fully thought out his invention of the fountain pen yet, but he did have an — INKLING

#### CANDORVILLE



#### WUMO



#### ZITS



## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

#### ACROSS

- 1 Multiple choice test options, often
- 5 Researched item
- 9 It may be knitted
- 13 "Mississippi Masala" filmmaker \_\_\_ Nair
- 14 Many a map dot
- 15 Skirmish
- 17 Fish eggs seller?
- 19 Delete
- 20 Admit a mistake
- 21 City ESE of Phoenix
- 23 Morning drops
- 24 Tim who voiced Buzz Lightyear
- 25 Command to Siri to read the clock?
- 27 Arranged
- 29 "You're on the right track"
- 30 North end?
- 31 Golf date ruiner
- 34 She played Thelma in "Thelma & Louise"
- 35 Public relations fund?
- 38 One of a 15th-century seagoing trio
- 41 Soft drink nut
- 42 Clamorous sound
- 45 "Let me rephrase that ..."
- 47 How Clint Eastwood usually delivers his lines
- 50 Recreational libation?
- 53 Copious
- 54 Top \_\_\_
- 55 "Too great a burden to bear": M.L. King Jr.
- 56 Food recall reason
- 57 Address with style
- 59 Music for a feisty orator?
- 62 Drag racer's fuel, briefly
- 63 Word repeated in a combat term
- 64 Scary-sounding lake
- 65 Tend
- 66 Hebrew for "skyward"
- 67 \_\_\_ date

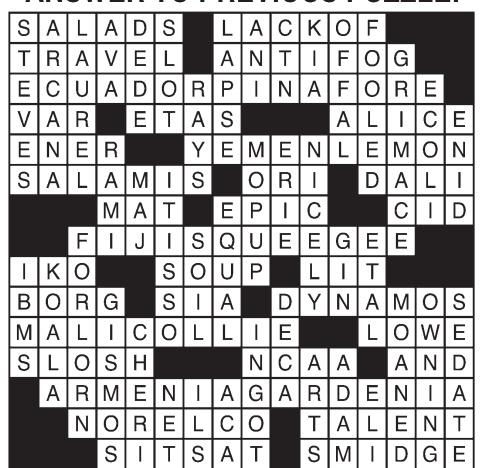
#### DOWN

- 1 Early hrs.
- 2 Like Earth
- 3 Enter on hands and knees
- 4 Finally occurred to, with "on"
- 5 It may be pumped in victory
- 6 Stuff in a tray
- 7 Tread noisily
- 8 Tent made of skins
- 9 Fragile goods concern
- 10 Play that gave us the word "robot"
- 11 Instantly
- 12 Biblical trio
- 16 Exclusive MLB cap supplier
- 18 Boy of la casa
- 22 Spotted
- 24 Golden brew
- 25 Smelled really bad
- 26 Three-pointer, in hoops lingo
- 28 Ocean State sch.
- 32 Texter's "I feel"
- 33 "Tropic Thunder" actor Nick
- 35 Rating unit
- 36 Temple of the gods

- 37 Scot's refusal
- 38 Moving engine part
- 39 Leave vulnerable
- 40 Regret delivery
- 42 Regret strongly
- 43 Under-the-table
- 44 Bill promoting science?
- 46 Defunct flier
- 48 Bike storage aid
- 49 Marshmallow treats

- 51 Response at the door
- 52 Site of many a climber's goal
- 56 Hydroxyl compound
- 58 La-la preceder
- 60 "Sonata Quasi \_\_\_ Fantasia": Beethoven's "Moonlight"
- 61 New Zealand parrot

#### 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

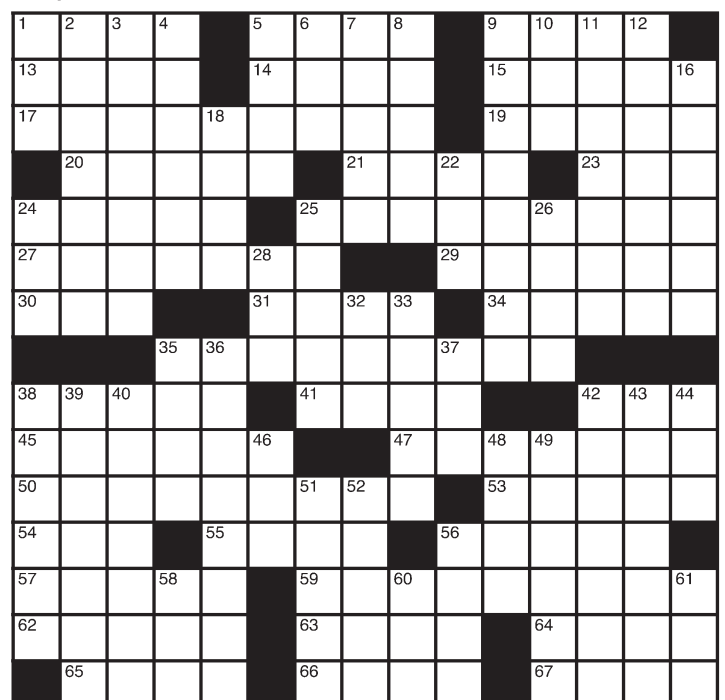
SOLUTION:

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

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		8			7	5	1	
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	1			3				
	8	9		2	5			

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★☆

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