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### Daily Bridge Club

## Cy's blind spot

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Cy the Cynic had been to see Dr. Ed Fitch, an ophthalmologist and our club president. "I couldn't believe it," Cy said. "Ed says I'm color-blind." "You had no idea?" "The diagnosis came completely out of the red," Cy said. Ed's finding may not help Cy's bridge; Cy has blind spots as declarer. At six spades, he took the A-K of clubs, drew trumps and led a diamond: six, jack, queen. East returned a diamond, and the Cynic took dummy's A-K. When West discarded, Cy ruffed dummy's last diamond and finessed in hearts. Down one.

#### FINESSE

Cy was blind to the presence of the seven of diamonds. When West plays the six on the first diamond, Cy should play the seven from dummy. When East wins, he must lead a red suit, giving Cy a free finesse, or a club, conceding a ruff-suff. If West plays the ten on the first diamond, Cy puts up dummy's ace, returns a trump to his hand and leads a second diamond. Then, if West could play the eight or nine, Cy would play dummy's jack effectively.

#### DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ A K J 9 8 3 ♥ Q 6 ♦ 4 3 2 ♣ A 3. Your partner opens one heart, you bid one spade and he

rebids two hearts. What do you say? **ANSWER:** This problem is uncomfortable. If your partner has Q 5, A K J 4 3 2, A 7, 8 7 6, you can make a grand slam. Partners rarely have perfect cards, and to raise to four hearts and settle for a sure game would be reasonable. If you wish to try for more, bid three spades (if partner will treat it as forcing) or three clubs.

South dealer  
N-S vulnerable

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

**WEST**  
♠ 5 2  
♥ 10 8 7 3 2  
♦ 10 6  
♣ J 10 9 8

**EAST**  
♠ None  
♥ K 9 5 4  
♦ Q 9 8 5  
♣ Q 7 6 4 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K J 9 8 3  
♥ Q 6  
♦ 4 3 2  
♣ A 3

|       |          |       |      |
|-------|----------|-------|------|
| South | West     | North | East |
| 1 ♠   | Pass     | 3 ♦   | Pass |
| 3 ♠   | Pass     | 4 ♠   | Pass |
| 6 ♠   | All Pass |       |      |

Opening lead — ♣ J

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## The New York Times Crossword

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#### ACROSS

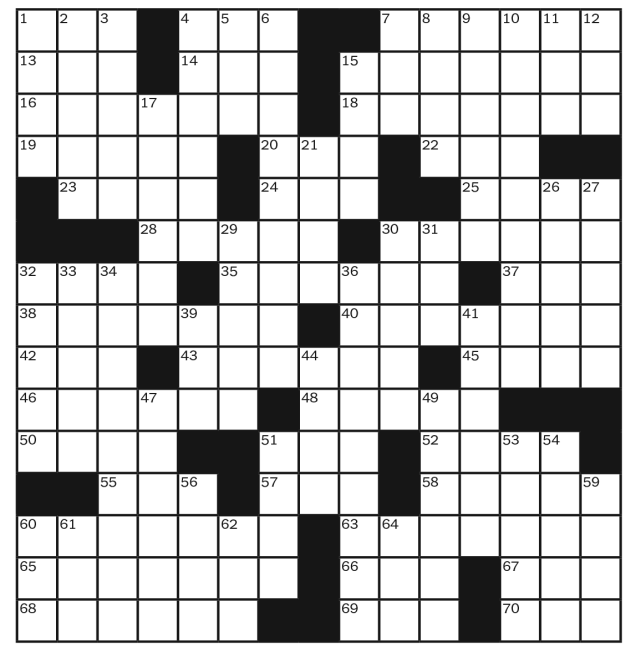
- 1 "All Things Considered" aier
- 4 Sloth, e.g.
- 7 Wasn't a smooth talker?
- 13 Singer Grande, to fans
- 14 "\_\_\_ soon?"
- 15 Vanquish
- 16 Price of a horror film?
- 18 Expand to 800%
- 19 Big online site for uploading photos and memes
- 20 Antique
- 22 Word accompanying a lightning bolt
- 23 Spanish direction
- 24 Spanish royal
- 25 Balance
- 28 King in the "Jungle Book" films
- 30 Be quietly angry
- 32 "The Good \_\_\_"

- 35 Soap opera, e.g.
- 37 Where It. is found
- 38 Leave on the cutting room floor
- 40 This puzzle's theme
- 42 Word with science or chocolate
- 43 Like Antarctica among all the continents
- 45 Historic enemy of the Iroquois
- 46 Poorly made
- 48 YouTube statistics
- 50 Put an edge on
- 51 Had the reins
- 52 On
- 55 Rearward
- 57 "Take \_\_\_"
- 58 Separates into groups that don't communicate
- 60 "Turandot" composer

- 63 Shakespeare character who says "I kiss'd thee ere I kill'd thee"
- 65 They may come with bows and whistles
- 66 Handle
- 67 Indisposed
- 68 Like the word "truthiness," by Stephen Colbert
- 69 Besmirch
- 70 Follower of red, pink or black

#### DOWN

- 1 Blue-skinned race in "Avatar"
- 2 Like the two 40-Across in the grid for this answer
- 3 Telephones
- 4 Binaural
- 5 Accelerator bit
- 6 Infamy
- 7 Bird of myth
- 8 DreamWorks's first animated film
- 9 Like the two 40-Across in the grid for this answer
- 10 Person pulling the strings?
- 11 Fish with tiny scales
- 12 "Dr." who co-founded Death Row Records
- 15 Wyoming town named for a frontiersman
- 17 Tonkatsu, in Japanese cuisine



PUZZLE BY BRYCE HWANG, RAHUL SRIDHAR AND AKSHAY RAVIKUMAR

- 21 Bad look
- 26 "Black Panther" princess/superhero
- 27 Cut short
- 29 Loan-sharking
- 30 Fry in a shallow pan
- 31 Common street name in the Northeast
- 32 Language in which "Thank you very much" is "Diolch yn fawr iawn"
- 33 Where I-15 meets I-86
- 34 Like the two 40-Across in the grid for this answer
- 36 Inverted
- 39 Like the two 40-Across in the grid for this answer
- 41 Closest pal
- 44 Like the two 40-Across in the grid for this answer
- 47 Military alert system
- 49 Tiny purchase for a plumber
- 51 \_\_\_ Lane
- 53 Skateboarding maneuver
- 54 Classic name for a parrot
- 56 Tucker out
- 59 Only
- 60 Chest muscle, for short
- 61 57-Across, en español
- 62 Homer's neighbor
- 64 Big airport inits.

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#### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



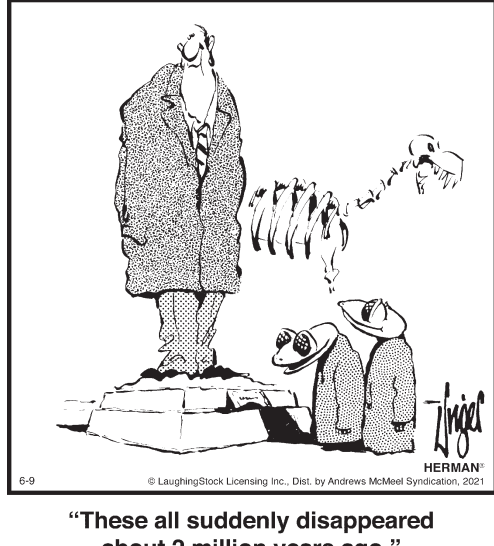
### BIZARRO



### DENNIS THE MENACE



### HERMAN



### JUMBLE

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

PREIG  
RDLEE  
NOHHOC  
TLLEYA

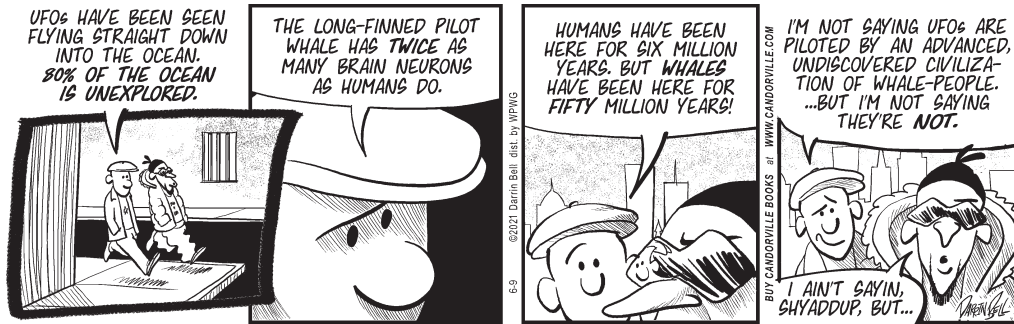
So, if you take those, how many do you have left? Let's think of a good name for that.

THE NUMBER THAT EQUALS 10 MINUS 2 DIDN'T EXIST UNTIL IT WAS ---

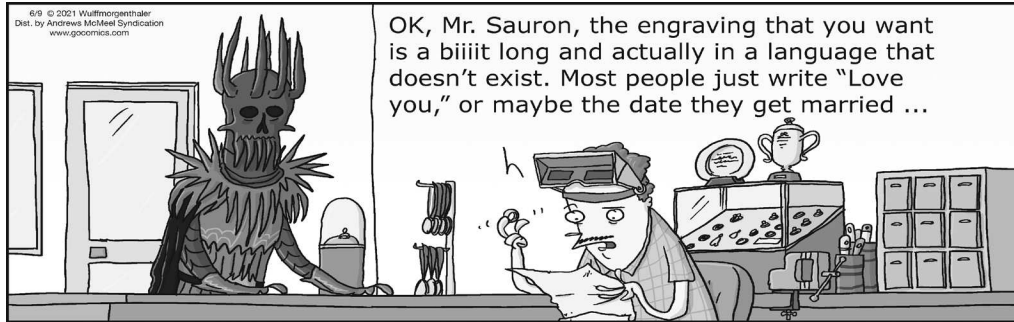
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Yesterday's Jumbles: TIPSU MIGHT UNPAID NOGGIN  
Answer: The fashion model was new to the business, but to her competition, she was — IMPOSING

### CANDORVILLE



### WUMO



### ZITS

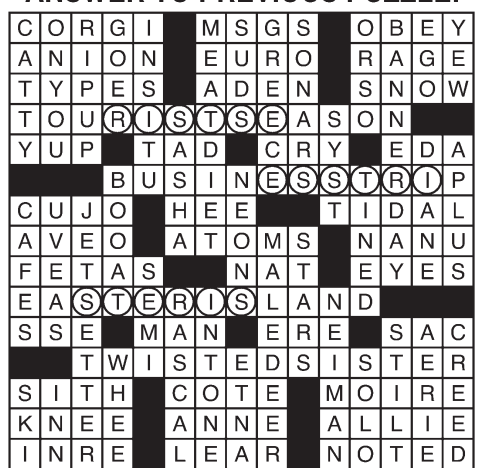


## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Twistable container part
- 4 Stark daughter on "Game of Thrones"
- 8 "\_\_\_ tardes"
- 14 Kwik-E-Mart owner
- 15 Spell the end of
- 16 "Bewitched" witch
- 17 "Rockin' the Suburbs" alt-rock
- 19 Periods of duty
- 20 38th-parallel land
- 21 Covered, as with sugar
- 22 Novel makeup
- 24 "Anything wrong?"
- 27 Responsibility
- 28 Aviation pioneer Sikorsky
- 29 Bottle part
- 30 Like many MLB players
- 32 Sun and Sky org.
- 35 Cowboy Rogers
- 36 \*Not much interest
- 39 Do sum work
- 42 Southwest art hub
- 43 Low-tech travel guide
- 47 The "F" in UHF: Abbr.
- 49 "Not happenin'"
- 51 YouTube vote
- 52 \*Ursine dens
- 55 Really cold
- 56 Riverdale High redhead
- 57 Tablet download
- 59 "All set here"
- 60 Concede ... or a hint to the last words of the answers to starred clues
- 63 Epicure
- 64 Actor Brad
- 65 62-Down homonym
- 66 Astronomer Celsius
- 67 Lemon drinks
- 68 "Fresh Air" network
- DOWN**
- 1 Semi driver's spot
- 2 Impersonate
- 3 Quit like a wimp
- 4 Love to bits
- 5 One played on stage
- 6 "Sup, bro?"
- 7 Alarm-setting hrs.
- 8 Make smitten
- 9 De-identify, as an Insta photo
- 10 Add, as to text
- 11 "Ain't gonna happen"
- 12 Like many Miami Beach structures
- 13 Airline to Sweden
- 18 Kind of fuel
- 21 \_\_\_ asada
- 22 Campaign pro
- 23 Genetic letters
- 25 "My guy doing okay, doc?"
- 26 What's up to you?
- 28 Illinois neighbor
- 31 "That's \_\_\_ fair!"
- 33 Lackluster
- 34 Crest box abbr.
- 37 "\_\_\_ been served"
- 38 Spot for a Wild West brawl
- 39 Langley, e.g.: Abbr.
- 40 "Like that'll ever happen"
- 41 Response to awful news
- 44 Dairy container
- 45 Letters before a pen name
- 46 Each
- 48 Scanned black-and-white image
- 50 Online handle
- 53 Group with scores
- 54 Senate staffers
- 55 Mopes
- 58 Data storage unit
- 59 "\_\_\_ tree falls ..."
- 60 Tax pro
- 61 Sassy reaction
- 62 Misspell a word, say

#### 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.

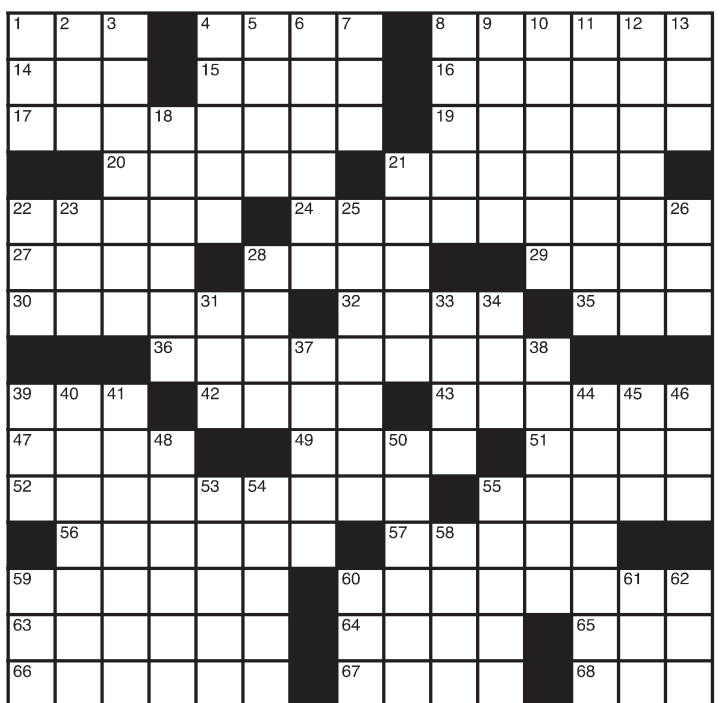
#### SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU

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

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

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