

**"MONDAY ON SUNDAY" COMICS**

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**Daily Bridge Club**

**Eights and tens**

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"I sat in on a lecture you gave last week," Cy the Cynic told me. "You treated 'eight ever, nine never.'"

"I mentioned that it's a poor guide," I said. "Even if you have nine cards in a suit missing the queen, to finesse in one direction or the other is only slightly inferior."

"Suppose you have a 10-card holding," Cy said.

"You must be kidding," I protested. With a guffaw, Cy produced today's deal.

"South played at 3NT," he said, "and West led a spade. South won the third spade and then took the ace of diamonds, following your advice."

left, opens three diamonds. Your partner doubles, and the next player passes. What do you say?

**ANSWER:** Partner's double is for takeout. He has a hand worth 17 or more points with support for the unbid suits, or maybe a stronger hand with a suit he intends to show. Your queen of diamonds is surely a wasted card for offense. Nevertheless, your hand is worth a jump to four spades.

South dealer  
N-S vulnerable

**NORTH**  
♠ 10 9 7  
♥ J 3  
♦ A K 6 5 4 2  
♣ 8 6

**WEST**  
♠ K J 8 6 2  
♥ K 7 5  
♦ Q 8 3  
♣ 9 4

**EAST**  
♠ Q 4  
♥ Q 9 8 6 2  
♦ None  
♣ Q J 10 7 5 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ A 5 3  
♥ A 10 4  
♦ J 10 9 7  
♣ A K 2

South 1 NT West Pass North 3 NT East All Pass

Opening lead — ♠ 6

**DAILY QUESTION**

You hold: ♠ K J 8 6 2 ♥ K 7 5  
♦ Q 8 3 ♣ 9 4. The dealer, at your

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**SEEKING A FRIENDLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE?**

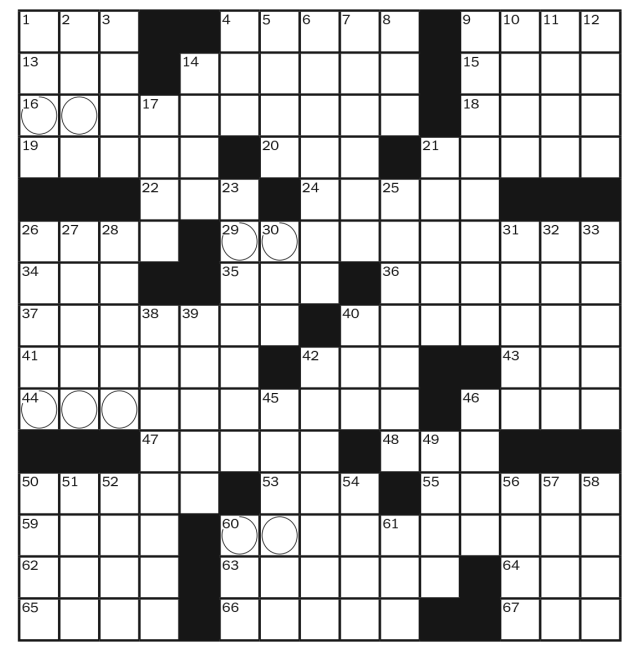
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**The New York Times Crossword**

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0517

- ACROSS**
- 1 \_\_\_ Newton (cookie)
  - 4 Salty water
  - 9 In \_\_\_ land (dreaming)
  - 13 Many a craft brew, in brief
  - 14 Just before the weekend
  - 15 Big name in polo shirts
  - 16 Alternative to Zumba
  - 18 \_\_\_ pro quo
  - 19 "Don't get any funny \_\_\_"
  - 20 Ad \_\_\_ committee
  - 21 Opportunities to play in games
  - 22 Govt. org. with a classified budget
  - 24 Chevy S.U.V.
  - 26 Donated
  - 29 Where to order a Blizzard
  - 34 Poem of tribute
  - 35 Trader \_\_\_ (restaurant eponym)
  - 36 Break into with intent to steal
  - 37 Illegally downloaded
  - 40 Early offering, as of goods
  - 41 More sunburned
  - 42 Mai \_\_\_ (cocktail)
  - 43 "Look what I \_\_\_!"
  - 44 Supposed means of communication with the dead
  - 46 Employs
  - 47 When some local news airs
  - 48 ... ..
  - 50 Construction details
  - 53 Like many HDTVs, in brief
  - 55 Change with the times
  - 59 Interlaced threads
- DOWN**
- 1 Country whose name is a brand of bottled water
  - 2 Apple tablet
  - 3 Fixed look
  - 4 "I'm f-f-freezing!"
  - 5 Like the 1%
  - 6 Nonsensical
  - 7 Daytona 500 acronym
  - 8 CBS logo
  - 9 Kahlúa and Sambuca
  - 10 Côte d'\_\_\_ (French Riviera)
  - 11 Cut of a pork roast
  - 12 Puts two and two together, say
  - 14 Admit, with "up"
  - 17 Grey who wrote "Riders of the Purple Sage"
  - 21 Chef's hat
  - 23 Most words ending in "-ly"
  - 25 Cars with gas/electric engines



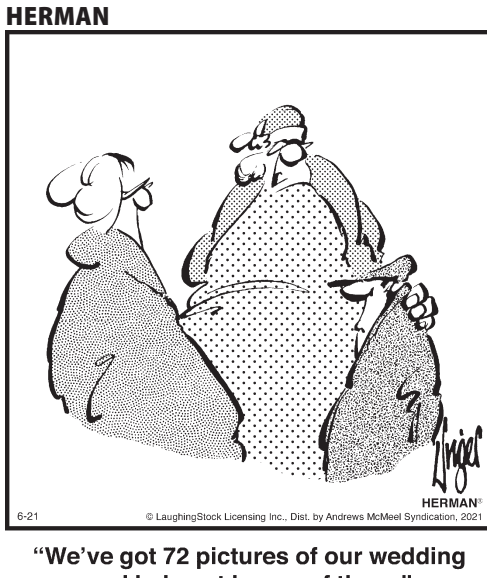
PUZZLE BY WREN SCHULTZ

- 26 Lose one's amateur status
- 27 Fancy goodbye
- 28 Giuseppe who composed "Rigoletto"
- 30 Assistance
- 31 "Holy smokes!"
- 32 Singer Goulding
- 33 Food, water and air
- 38 Next (to)
- 39 Things milking machines attach to
- 40 Number on a miniature golf card
- 42 Some reading for an I.R.S. auditor
- 45 Slicker
- 46 Meat-inspecting org.
- 49 Ham-handed sorts
- 50 Participated in the first third of a triathlon
- 51 Rude touch
- 52 "Don't be \_\_\_" (Google motto)
- 54 Clothing, informally
- 56 Friend in a conflict
- 57 Ballet bend
- 58 Measures of salt and sugar: Abbr.
- 60 One crying "Hup, two, three, four!": Abbr.
- 61 Critical marks on treasure maps

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

DRAGSHOW BRITON  
RICEWINE OHNONO  
OPENATAB WETMOP  
SILENTBS ETHANE  
STATHEIR TETE  
VETTES HOHO  
WHALED EATLOCAL  
KENOLIN DRYLAND  
RAGNAROK EMENDS  
PLOT TOUPEE  
TROD BRUT JIBS  
SHANIA DEMONUIT  
ASCEND IREALIZE  
SPAYED STATEGEM  
HATERS HOTSPOTS

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

EBBIR  
VECTO  
MEDYAR  
LUCONK

THE BRACE THAT THE DOCTOR PRESCRIBED TO EASE HIS SPINAL PRESSURE WAS ---

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

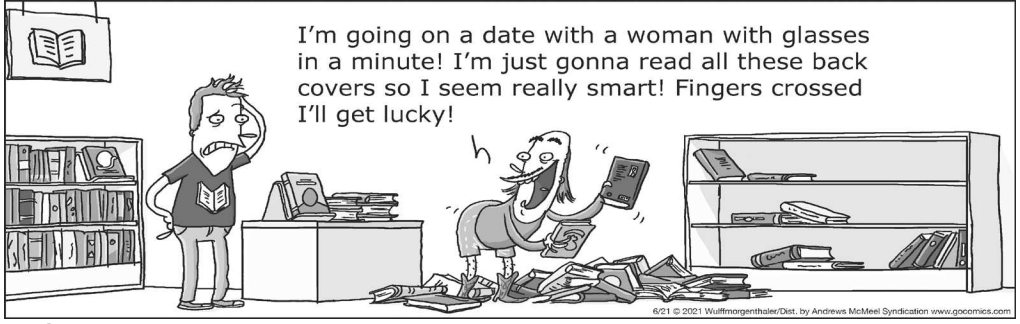
Answers tomorrow

Saturday's Jumbles: VERGE CHAOS VIABLE DARKER  
Answer: The high jumper who practiced more than the other athletes was an — OVER ACHIEVER

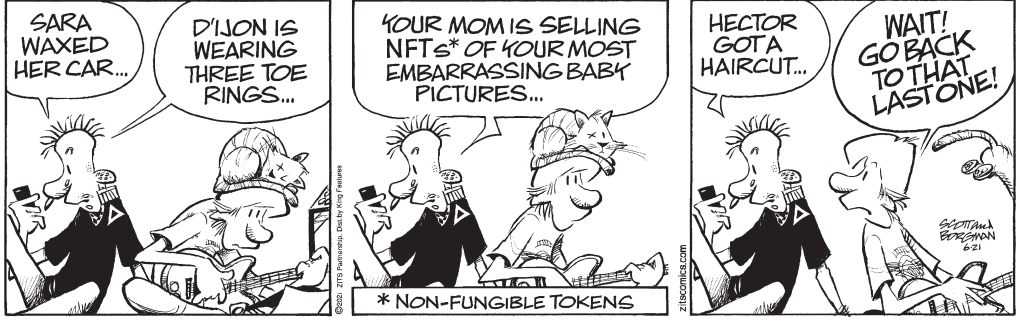
**CANDORVILLE**



**WUMO**



**ZITS**



**Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle**

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Scandal suffix
  - 5 Dog of unknown ancestry
  - 9 One of the Musketeers
  - 14 Trojan War hero
  - 15 Where the seven "-stan" countries are
  - 16 San \_\_\_, city SE of L.A.
  - 17 Bulldoze
  - 18 Mannerly fellow
  - 19 La Scala
  - 20 Hospital volunteer named for a feature of their uniform
  - 23 Hindu honorific
  - 26 Huga fan
  - 27 Layer on the farm
  - 28 One of two on a post-wedding vacation
  - 32 Health resort
  - 35 Dreadlocks wearer
  - 36 Like thoughts you'd rather not share
  - 38 Prepare for publication
  - 39 Digging tool
  - 41 Gangster's gal
  - 42 Hurricane or tornado, often
  - 44 Pantry
  - 45 Solidify
  - 46 Legal border-crossing spot
  - 49 Cocktail server
  - 50 Ewe's mate
  - 51 The "S" in CBS: Abbr.
  - 52 Jackie Gleason catchphrase, and a hint to the starts of 20-, 28- and 46-Across
  - 58 Bolt who bolts
  - 59 Footwear for snow
  - 60 "Oh dear!"
  - 64 Fly like a seagull
  - 65 Hay unit
  - 66 Prefix with gram
  - 67 Sank on the green
  - 68 British WWII gun
  - 69 Adam's first home
- DOWN**
- 1 Long-nosed fish
  - 2 1977 Steely Dan album
  - 3 Toon devil
  - 4 Suit in a corner office
  - 5 Title P.I. played by Tom Selleck and Jay Hernandez
  - 6 Did, but not anymore
  - 7 Wee
  - 8 Ink spots?
  - 9 Ardent fans
  - 10 Easy two-pointer
  - 11 Dickens villain Uriah
  - 12 Shrek, e.g.
  - 13 Fly at a great height
  - 21 "The Queen's Gambit" star \_\_\_ Taylor-Joy
  - 22 "I did it!"
  - 23 Destroys, as docs
  - 24 Amp toter
  - 25 Demand
  - 29 Jazz great James
  - 30 Dizzying paintings
  - 31 Actor Beatty
  - 32 Hog noses
  - 33 Meager
  - 34 Narrow passages between buildings
  - 37 Muscat is its capital
  - 39 Put away for later
  - 40 According to
  - 43 Gave birth to
  - 44 Big rig
  - 47 Manny Machado, before becoming a Padre
  - 48 Make plump
  - 49 Reverse of a hit 45
  - 52 Laurie of "House"
  - 53 Norway's capital
  - 54 Haunted house sound
  - 55 Goes out, as the tide
  - 56 Just right
  - 57 Sushi bar drink
  - 61 Pot top
  - 62 Pale \_\_\_
  - 63 Relative in some business names

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**

I N D E X C A S E D A V O S  
C O R N M A Z E S I R A N I  
I N I T I A L I C S A R P E L  
L O V E S M R E G O O S E  
Y S E R B U E N O W R E N  
M U T T E R S W A C  
W A L L A C H S A T I A T E  
O C E A N O T E A R E R  
R E T A I L S D O R M E R S  
M S S S I N C E R E  
H A L T C A A N S B O B S  
O T O E S P V T C A R A T  
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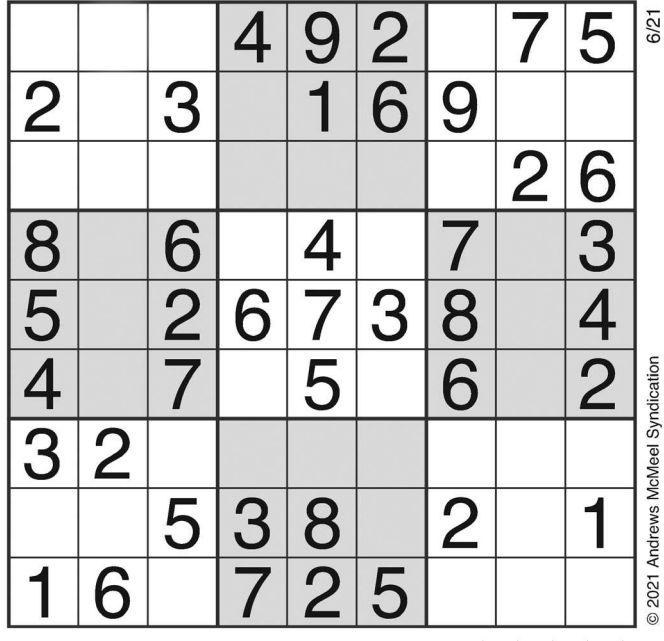


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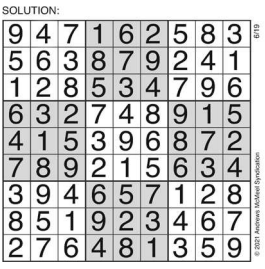
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**SUDOKU**

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



**SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS SUDOKU**



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