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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?

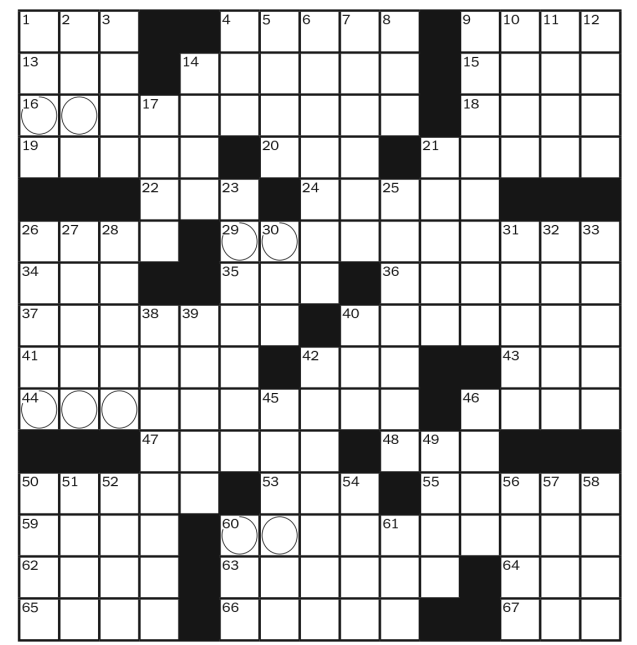
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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

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- 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

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

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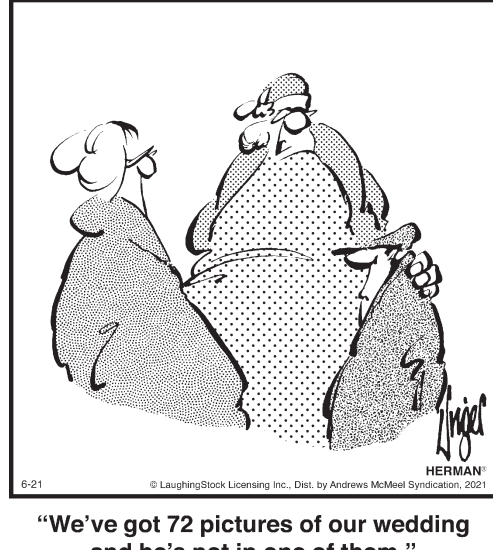
BIZARRO



DENNIS THE MENACE



HERMAN



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.

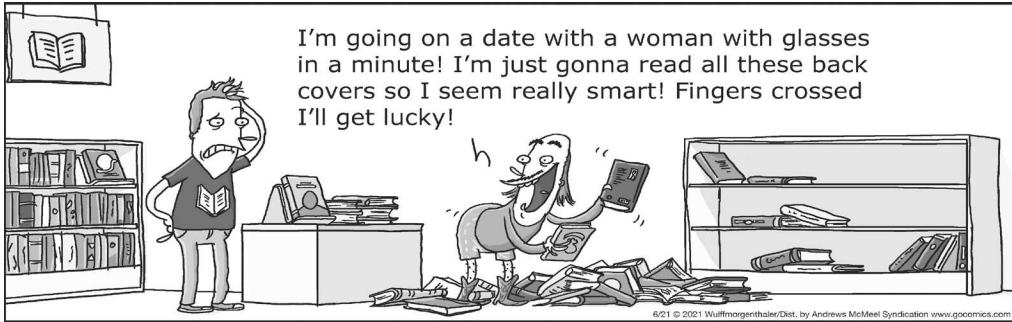
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Saturday's Jumbles: VERGE CHAOS VIABLE DARKER
Answer: The high jumper who practiced more than the other athletes was an — OVER ACHIEVER

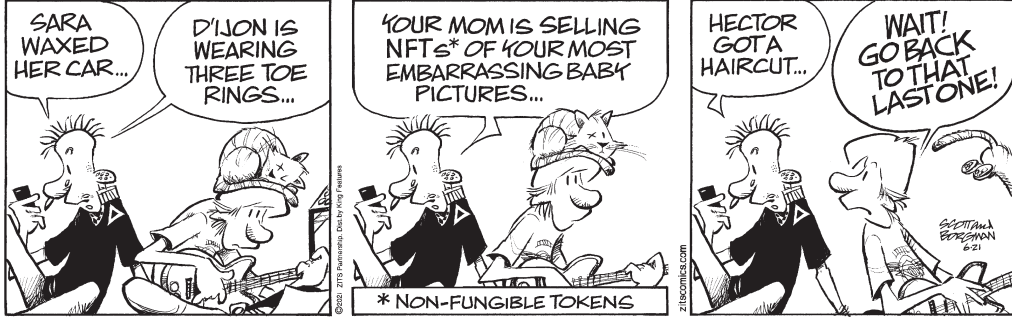
CANDORVILLE



WUMO



ZITS



Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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- 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 Hufe 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	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	
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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	
L	E	O	N	A	P	I	A	N	O	S	O	L	O
E	S	S	A	Y	E	A	T	E	N	I	N	T	O
S	T	E	M	S	A	R	E	W	E	C	O	O	L

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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

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

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3	2								
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1	6		7	2	5				

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