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### Daily Bridge Club

## Mad bridge party

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"My card won a trick. Her card didn't," the Queen of Hearts boasted after today's deal.

"Of course, the contract failed as a result," her cousin the Queen of Diamonds sniffed, "but that's obviously not important."

At the Mad Hatter's game, the two Red Queens had continued to bicker. The Queen of Hearts blustered that she was the most powerful card in Wonderland and none dared capture her. The Queen of Diamonds insisted that losing a trick could be beneficial.

Against the Hatter's four spades, Alice, West, carefully led the queen of hearts, making sure Her Majesty won a trick. What should Alice lead next?

The opponents pass. What do you say?

**ANSWER:** A raise to three spades would strongly invite game but would not quite do justice to this hand. Most players would insist on game with a jump to four hearts as a "splinter" bid, showing the values for a raise to four spades with a singleton heart. A bid of four spades would suggest balanced distribution.

West dealer  
N-S vulnerable

**NORTH**  
♠ A K 9 3  
♥ 9  
♦ K 7 2  
♣ A Q 10 7 4

#### TRUMP TRICK

Alice saw that for the defense to have a chance, East needed either a trump trick or the king of clubs. Still, they needed two diamonds. With a nod to the Queen of Diamonds, Alice led the queen!

The Hatter covered with dummy's king, winning. He took the A-K of trumps and started the clubs, but East ruffed the third club and led another diamond. Down one.

#### DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ A K 9 3 ♥ 9 ♦ K 7 2 ♣ A Q 10 7 4. You open one club, and your partner responds one spade.

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

**EAST**  
♠ Q 6 4  
♥ J 10 6 4 2  
♦ 10 6 3  
♣ 9 6

**SOUTH**  
♠ J 10 8 5 2  
♥ 8 5  
♦ J 8 5  
♣ K J 3

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

Opening lead — ♥ Q

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## The New York Times Crossword

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No. 0518

#### ACROSS

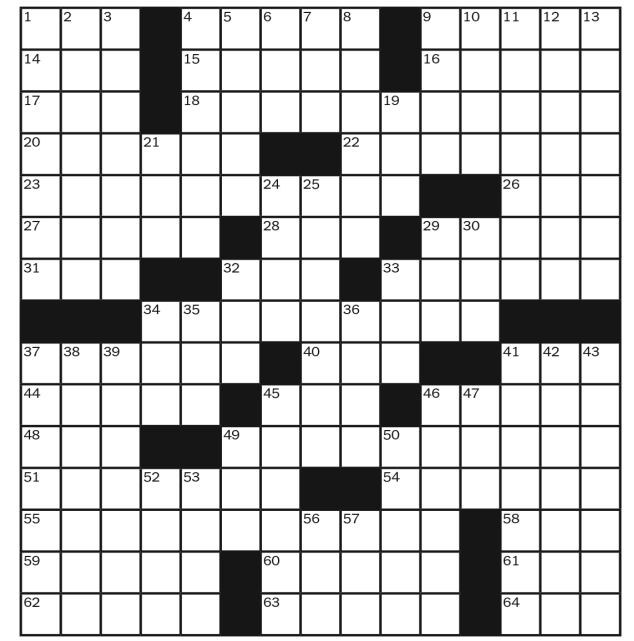
- 1 Hospital scan, for short
- 4 Word before line or hose
- 9 Joins a rendition of "If You're Happy and You Know It," say
- 14 \_\_\_ Lingus
- 15 Fish tank buildup
- 16 It clutches arrows and an olive branch on the Great Seal
- 17 Fish eggs
- 18 Rotten kid
- 20 Reason for an Olympic diving demerit
- 22 Birthday staple
- 23 Heavy metal fan
- 26 Opposite of WSW
- 27 Bother
- 28 New England catch
- 29 Poet's cadence
- 31 Trippy drug

- 32 Khan who founded Khan Academy
- 33 What the letters of "Roy G. Biv" stand for
- 34 Brand of school supplies known for its dazzling rainbow designs
- 37 What a lot of office work is spent on nowadays
- 40 Highest point value for a Scrabble tile
- 41 Ideology suffix
- 44 Old battle clubs
- 45 Sleep preventer, in a fairy tale
- 46 Seasonal delivery driver?
- 48 Loop in on the DL
- 49 Certain emotional support animal

- 51 2016 film starring Amy Adams as a linguist who communicates with aliens
- 54 Yellow henchman in "Despicable Me"
- 55 Breakfast side order ... or a hint to the last words of 18-, 23-, 34- and 49-Across
- 58 What tree rings indicate
- 59 Process, as ore
- 60 Spirit in a bottle
- 61 "Nothing but \_\_\_!"
- 62 Affirmatives
- 63 Mythical king of Crete
- 64 Braying animal

#### DOWN

- 1 Chief of a fire department
- 2 Gets back in business
- 3 Where the band U2 hails from
- 4 Elapse
- 5 Pack leader
- 6 Doctors Without Borders, e.g., for short
- 7 \_\_\_ chi (martial art)
- 8 Left a restaurant review, in a modern way
- 9 Hand over
- 10 Workplaces where white coats are worn
- 11 Shake on, say
- 12 Datebook



PUZZLE BY MARGARET SEIKEL

#### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- 13 Some volleyball players
- 19 Blunder
- 21 Fuss
- 24 Org. for the Big East and Pac-12
- 25 Driver's prop
- 29 M.L.K. Day, e.g.: Abbr.
- 30 Cousin of a caribou
- 32 Radiator noise
- 33 Soup container
- 34 Tell a whopper
- 35 French pronoun
- 36 Tush
- 37 \_\_\_ Row, part of Washington, D.C.
- 38 Craft with knotted cords
- 39 Builds up, as interest
- 41 The Hoosier State
- 42 Iggy Pop's band, with "the"
- 43 Aids for affixing messages on refrigerators
- 45 Cough it up!
- 46 Hard volleyball shots
- 47 Writer Rand
- 49 Underwear irritant, at times
- 50 Prenatal test, for short
- 52 Dot in the ocean
- 53 Fixtures in a chocolate factory
- 56 Hawaiian garland
- 57 Overnight stop on a road trip

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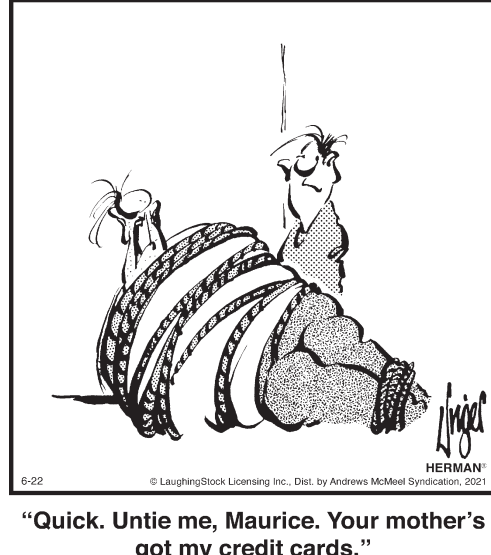
### BIZARRO



### DENNIS THE MENACE



### HERMAN



### JUMBLE

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

LGEIA  
HKATN  
MLIPEP  
WSORYD

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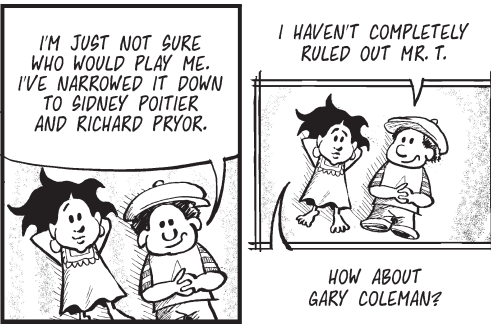
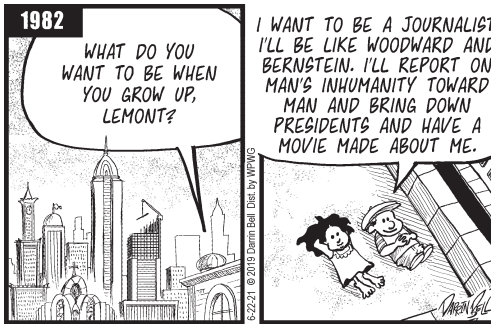
When the hikers headed out into the national forest, the forest ranger said ---

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

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: BRIBE COVET DREAMY UNLOCK  
Answer: The brace that the doctor prescribed to ease his spinal pressure was — ON BACK ORDER

### CANDORVILLE



### WUMO



### ZITS



## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS
- 1 Sunbather's goal
- 4 Beach dwelling support
- 9 Move in the breeze
- 13 Somber notice
- 15 "War and Peace" and "Gone with the Wind"
- 16 It has a same-named river on its southern border
- 17 Arrest
- 20 Squirrel morsel
- 21 "\_\_\_ you special!"
- 22 GM's Mary Barra, e.g.
- 23 Type of equation
- 25 WWII conference site
- 27 "Soft embalmer of the still midnight": Keats
- 30 Bully
- 33 Kind of in jest, kind of not
- 35 Comic Margaret
- 37 \_\_\_ shop: golf course store
- 38 Brown bar order
- 39 Vintage Burger King slogan
- 46 Show one's face
- 47 Dwelling that sounds like two letters
- 48 Ship deck guards
- 50 Nonliteral language features
- 54 "The \_\_\_ of the moral universe ... bends toward justice": MLK Jr.
- 56 Parking employee
- 59 Temple text
- 60 Mixed drink recipe directive
- 63 "This is for you"
- 64 PR pro's concern
- 65 "Carpe diem" acronym
- 66 Like a one-star sudoku
- 67 May 8, 1945, briefly
- 68 Fed. research org.

- 3 Coolpix digital camera maker
- 4 Fig. whose last four digits are often requested
- 5 "See ya!"
- 6 Horror film aide
- 7 Cagney's TV partner
- 8 Word from the Japanese for "harbor wave"
- 9 Inebriate
- 10 "Your guess is as good as mine"
- 11 West Wing worker
- 12 Toy similar to a spoon
- 14 Mother with a Nobel Prize
- 18 Collectively
- 19 Canonized fifth-cen. pope
- 24 Game official
- 26 Upsilon preceeder
- 28 Notice
- 29 1995 Reform Party founder
- 31 Unwell
- 32 Pupil's place
- 33 Futuristic sci-fi vehicles
- 34 Boulder
- 35 "Evita" narrator

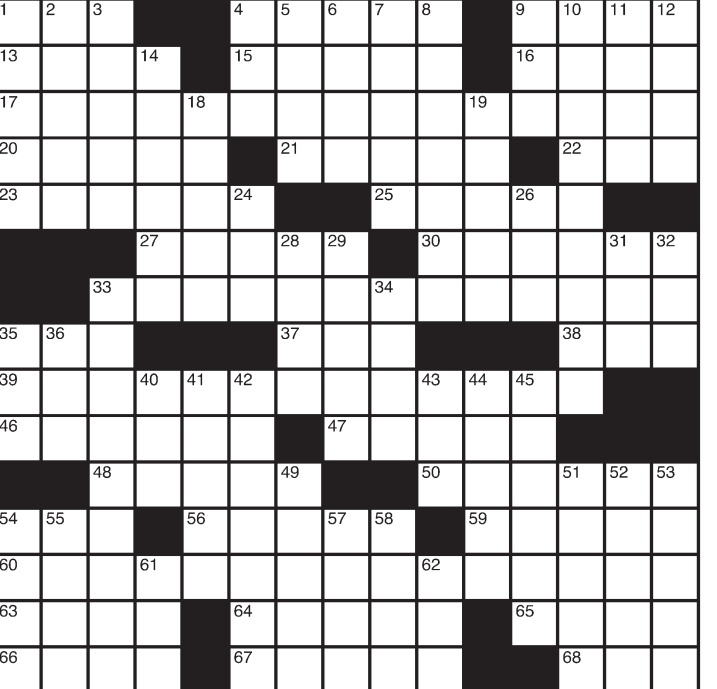
- 36 Easter entrée
- 40 Memorable period
- 41 "Enough already!"
- 42 City that merged with Jaffa in 1950
- 43 Troy, N.Y., campus
- 44 Joined with
- 45 Sextet featured in order in this puzzle's theme answers
- 49 Goopy gunk
- 51 Welles of "War of the Worlds"
- 52 Shopping meccas
- 53 Just \_\_\_: almost
- 54 Tennis legend Arthur
- 55 Ostrich kin
- 57 "Zounds!"
- 58 Roman garb
- 61 Critical
- 62 "Star Wars" heroine

#### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:



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- DOWN
- 1 Utter
- 2 Beaded calculators



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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

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

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

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