

## KEEP THE CHANGE

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Ricky Cruz, 22, of Glendale, Calif., is a video game concept artist — a maker of detailed designs for other artists to use when creating 3-D game environments. He says this puzzle is an attempt to turn a crossword “into a fun visual experience.” The unusual grid alone tells you something novel is up. This is Ricky’s third puzzle for The Times, and his first Sunday. — W.S.

## ACROSS

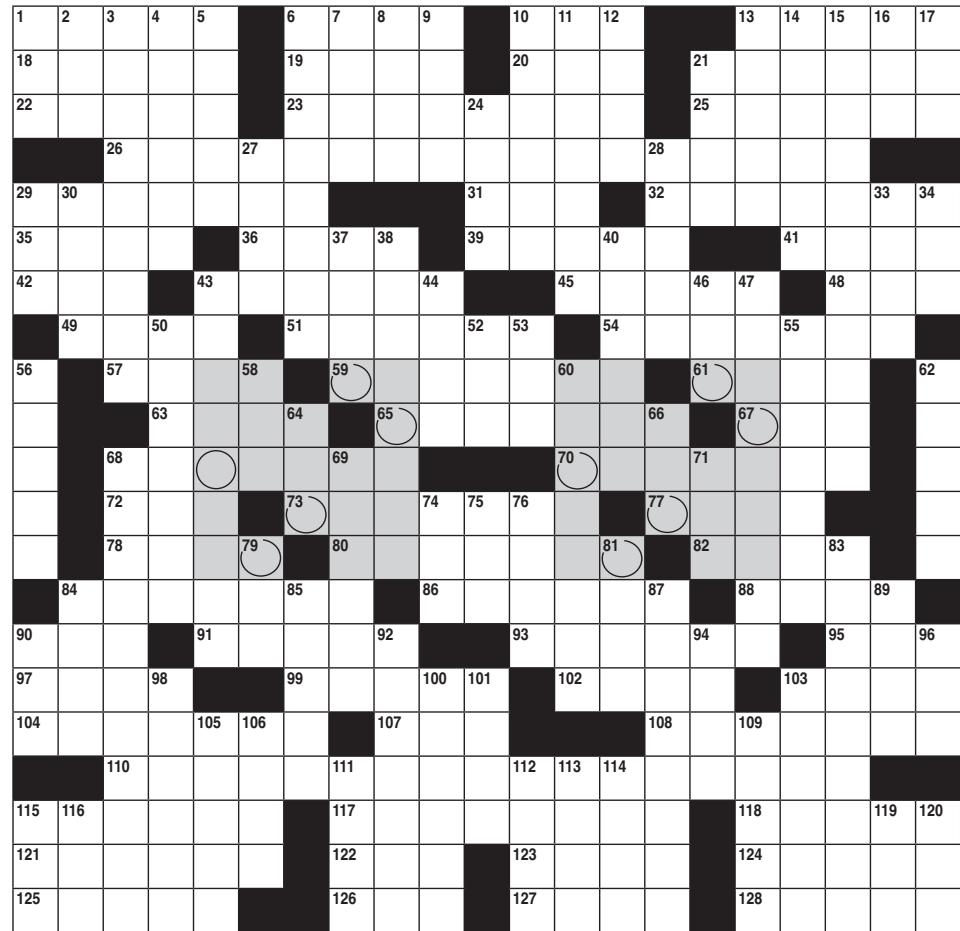
- 1 Company often cited in business studies about disruptive innovation  
6 Barbecue applications  
10 Center of an ear  
13 Authorized  
18 Superman, for one  
19 Bit of Q.E.D.  
20 Brian who created the Windows 95 start-up sound  
21 Time-machine option  
22 Binary, as some questions  
23 Settled on  
25 “Here’s the thing ...”  
26 Make heads or tails of a situation ... or an alternative title for this puzzle  
29 Like a pigsty  
31 What an aglet is for a shoelace  
32 Some pain relievers  
35 Sharer’s word  
36 \_\_\_\_ parm  
39 Give a talking-to  
41 Bit of letter-shaped hardware  
42 Food catcher  
43 Got misty-eyed, with “up”  
45 Tricky maneuver  
48 Bearded beast  
49 Satellite signal receiver
- 51 Orange County’s \_\_\_\_ Beach  
54 Whistle-blower in 2013 news  
57 Donkey Kong and others  
59 Dresses’ upper sections  
61 Cherry, for one  
63 College town in Iowa  
65 Units in linguistics  
67 Selfish sort  
68 Home to the Alhambra  
70 Confused  
72 The invaders in Space Invaders, in brief  
73 Things held up to the ear  
77 Nobel and Pulitzer winner Morrison  
78 Part of a mission  
80 Unfavorable  
82 Some coolers  
84 Surgeon’s tool  
86 Slowpokes  
88 “30 for 30” network  
90 Lab noise?  
91 Lazy \_\_\_\_  
93 Relied on no one else  
95 [That knocked the wind out of me!]  
97 Free offering from a cafe  
99 Certain colors in printing  
102 Beyoncé’s role in 2019’s “The Lion King”  
103 Having as a hobby  
104 No-goodnik  
107 \_\_\_\_-Tiki

## 108 One fighting against

- Thanos  
110 Kind of visual puzzle ... or what to do with each line in this puzzle’s two shaded areas  
115 Location in the Beach Boys’ “Kokomo”  
117 Dog days of winter?  
118 House-elf in the Harry Potter books  
121 Any one of the Magi, to Jesus  
122 Cousin of Inc.  
123 Mount \_\_\_\_, much-hiked peak in Yosemite  
124 Not hide one’s feelings  
125 Applesauce brand  
126 Drano component  
127 Site for handmade goods  
128 Introduction

## DOWN

- 1 Kick start?  
2 World Cup cry  
3 2007 Shia LaBeouf thriller or a 2008 No. 1 hit by Rihanna  
4 Hero of a Virgil epic  
5 Bit of raised land  
6 Someone with all the desired qualities  
7 Craving  
8 ‘Eww, gross’  
9 ‘Leave it be’  
10 \_\_\_\_ the Entertainer (actor and comedian)
- 11 In addition to  
12 [Out of nowhere!]  
13 Nintendo character with a green cap  
14 Summer complaint  
15 State-of-the-art  
16 Fuming state  
17 X  
21 Word before phone or book  
24 Little salamanders  
27 Word in the corner of a TV news broadcast  
28 Paris’s Musée \_\_\_\_ (art museum)  
29 No-goodnik  
30 Pounds  
33 Brooks & \_\_\_\_ (country duo)  
34 Man’s nickname found in consecutive letters of the alphabet  
37 Like about half of the OPEC countries  
38 Danish tourist attraction since 1968  
40 Tone down  
43 Society at large  
44 \_\_\_\_ ranch  
46 Promoter of gender equality, for short  
47 Like some tennis shots and most push-ups  
50 No-frills  
52 Strike out  
53 Expert  
55 Humdingers  
56 The circled letters in the first shaded area  
58 Title for many a W.H. aspirant



- 60 Substance discharged  
62 The circled letters in the second shaded area  
64 Ink container  
66 Went unused  
68 Manage to heave the ball before time expires  
69 Dispense (with)  
71 Hopeless from the start, slangily  
74 Job seekers’ needs, in brief  
75 Egg maker  
76 Long stretches  
79 The Golden Flashes of the Mid-American Conf.  
81 Jazz’s Fitzgerald  
83 Cartoon character who works at the Krusty Krab  
84 Vim and vigor  
85 Article of apparel that’s an anagram of other articles of apparel  
87 Length of time between noons  
89 Point out  
90 Cries of disappointment  
92 With full disclosure  
94 Roof part  
96 Supporting  
98 Somewhat  
100 “That didn’t work!”  
101 Foul mood  
103 Earnings  
105 Sights in the Jerusalem skyline  
106 One of six in Subaru’s logo  
109 Over  
111 Bit of raised land  
112 Direction in a film script  
113 \_\_\_\_ bro  
114 Long stretches  
115 Comic book onomatopoeia  
116 Big whoop  
119 A/C spec  
120 Even so

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