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Gary Larson, of Edmonds, Wash., is a retired comedian. He spent the last 15 years of his career entertaining on cruise ships, where crosswords were a way to pass the time between shows. One day a clue-and-answer combination in a New York Times crossword cracked him up, and he thought, Why don't I try making one of these? I love writing jokes. How hard can it be to fit them into a puzzle? He found out. This is his 592nd puzzle. It's his fourth in The Times. — W.S.

ACROSS

- 1 Examples of attention to detail
- 9 Yearbook-award word
- 13 Lift weights
- 19 Gingerbread man, often
- 20 British pop singer Lily
- 22 In the Caribbean it's known as "the chicken of the trees"
- 23 "The government has discovered aliens but isn't telling us," e.g.
- 25 Port on the Loire
- 26 Missouri site of the Scott Joplin Ragtime Festival
- 27 Applications
- 29 Actress Ward
- 30 Acronym for a North American quintet
- 33 Intertwine
- 35 Pains in the neck
- 38 Spanish article
- 39 Power of a square
- 42 Mrs. Addams, to Gomez
- 43 Nocturnal bloodsucker
- 46 Steal
- 48 Stuff
- 49 It requires no oxygen for growth
- 50 Pants with baggy legs
- 52 Task
- 54 Noodles often eaten cold in the summer
- 55 Square things
- 56 Cause of joint pain
- 59 Relatively new relative, maybe
- 61 Small songbird
- 62 Cornmeal bread
- 63 Wood for violin-making
- 66 Brian who co-founded Roxy Music
- 67 "You rang?"
- 68 Means of breathing
- 74 Calming retreat
- 77 Subject of 199 silk-screen paintings by Warhol
- 78 Present from birth
- 79 Activist _____ Alamuddin Clooney
- 83 Hesitating sound
- 84 Unremarkable
- 86 Goes out for a bit?
- 88 Valorous
- 89 Specialty
- 91 The continents, e.g.
- 94 His resignation triggered the first invocation of the 25th Amendment
- 96 Start up again
- 98 Wacky
- 101 Like some flights
- 102 Triangular flags
- 103 Aerial maneuver
- 104 Kiddy litter?
- 105 Mature
- 106 Power issue

107 Computer image format

- 109 More up to it
- 111 South American mammals with trunks
- 113 Introductory course?
- 115 Brand of allergy spray
- 118 Lime and rust
- 121 It was known by the Algonquin as the "Father of Waters"
- 126 Extends
- 127 Similar
- 128 Castle in "Hamlet"
- 129 More out there
- 130 "May God bless and keep the _____ far away from us!" (line from "Fiddler on the Roof")
- 131 Return to the fray

DOWN

- 1 Grumpy co-worker
- 2 Spanish gold
- 3 Old country-music channel
- 4 French for "cup"
- 5 Locale of Kings County and Queens County, fittingly
- 6 Like some batteries and parties
- 7 Sapa _____ (title for Atahualpa)
- 8 Not merely cut
- 9 Gospel singer Jackson
- 10 Fútbol cheer
- 11 Doesn't sit right?
- 12 Snippy, in a way
- 13 Spare part?
- 14 Sch. for Bulldogs
- 15 '60s sitcom family
- 16 What "X" marks on a treasure map
- 17 First-year law student
- 18 Mission-driven org.
- 21 "Science Guy" Bill
- 24 Shades
- 28 Glittery glue-ons
- 30 Wheel cover
- 31 Acting mindlessly
- 32 "____ Brando: Larger Than Life" (1994 biography)
- 34 Dog in classic films
- 36 Flowing forth
- 37 Steeple feature
- 40 Cleverness
- 41 Universal donor's blood type, for short
- 43 Peacockish
- 44 Activist Hoffman
- 45 Milk dispensers
- 47 Lost cause
- 51 Only player with three 60+ home run seasons
- 53 Rest of the afternoon?
- 57 Slant skyward
- 58 2010 sci-fi film subtitled "Legacy"
- 60 Trouble
- 64 Catering container
- 65 Color for the right eye of a pair of 3-D glasses

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- 69 Only bird with calf muscles
- 70 Talking back
- 71 Graceful spins
- 72 Informal assents
- 73 Country singer Price
- 74 #
- 75 When doubled, 1934 Cole Porter comedy short
- 76 Absolutely dazzling
- 80 Book that's rarely read cover-to-cover
- 81 Right, as a wrong
- 82 More N.S.F.W., maybe
- 85 Mimics
- 87 Vodka or gin
- 88 Low-dose pain reliever
- 90 Mass recitation
- 92 Symbol meaning "still typing"
- 93 Tugboat sound
- 95 Dedicattee of the 1980 song "Woman"
- 97 Opposite of wide: Abbr.
- 99 Like slippers versus dress shoes
- 100 Milky gems
- 107 Muscly
- 108 Stumper question
- 110 Life form
- 111 Went like the dickens
- 112 Got rid of
- 114 German granny
- 116 Where the infant Moses was found
- 117 Cathedral recess
- 119 Maa, in 1995's "Babe"
- 120 Ukr, e.g., once
- 122 Genre pioneered in 1950s-'60s Jamaica
- 123 U.S. overseas broadcaster
- 124 Unit of work
- 125 Food writer/TV personality _____ Drummond

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