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TAKE A NUMBER by LeXman

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TAKE ONE words are in RED. TAKE TWO words are in GREEN.

The first and second letters from each of these types of clues respectively (in yellow highlight) spell out the message “Dave Brubeck number.” The solution is “Take Five.”

The fifth letter of the remaining clues (in blue highlight) spell out “Take a bow.”

| <u>Across Clues</u> | <u>Solution</u> | <u>Grid Entry</u> |
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| 1. Oddly, social circle is <u>frightening</u> | S[O]C[I]A[L] + RING | SCARRING |
| 8. <u>Apathetic</u> response at last, following lies about So-Cal city | B (L.A.) S + E | BASE |
| 9. <u>Traction</u> equipment's wear | TIRE (2) | |
| 10. <u>Violator of the rules of succession</u> in France, on replacing power among elite | U [P] (SUR) PER | USURER |
| 11. <u>Ermine</u> , in the end, suits to a tee | S + TO A T | STOA |
| 12. <u>Blueprint</u> singed badly | DESIGN * | DEIGN |
| 13. <u>Roman politicians</u> seen at assembly | SENATE * | ENATE |
| 16. <u>Unusual</u> chants <u>take hold</u> | SNATCH * | NATCH |
| 19. Hear <u>a</u> bout <u>bird</u> | RHEA * | |
| 20. <u>Ab</u> normally, no big <u>indication of spring</u> ? | BOING * | BOOING |
| 21. <u>Drink</u> counter troubles | SODA (R) | |

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| 22. E nd of bread held between two articles of French <u>culinary equipment</u> | LA + D + LE | LADE |
| 23. S colds model: slender, full of energy, but with no bottom | NEEDL(E)S [R] * | NEEDLESS |

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| 2. K inky: cheats <u>without sex</u> | CHASTE * | CASTE |
| 3. S howed, again, nurse taking time | R (ERA) N | |
| 4. " I n here, drinks <u>like cherry or raspberry</u> –" | RED (H) | REED |
| 5. "No, that is S prite" | NIX + I.E. | |
| 6. S pry b oy's game gear | G + RIG | |
| 7. U pcoming online joke: gene manipulation covering up the end of Professor <u>Plum</u> | G (R) EEN * GAG-E (R) | REENGAGE |
| 8. M unicipal service features wax and small <u>amount of hair</u> | BU (SHINE + S) S | BUSINESS |
| 13. P iano p ractice, even among best buddies | [B]E[S]T [B]U[D]D[I]E[S] | |
| 14. C omb w est end of town with checklist | T + ROLL | |
| 15. B easts run away from mates | F[R]IENDS | FENDS |
| 17. E cclesiastical doctrine is allowed forward | CAN + ON | ANON |
| 18. B rick carrier interrupts orthodontist | HOD (H) | HOOD |