MATH HYSTERIA

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Adam Fromm lives in Providence, R.I. He works for a pharmaceutical company and moonlights as a sinaer-sonawriter. This puzzle is a throwback to his college days when he briefly majored in math ... before switching to literature. He prefers subjects that "don't require the right answer, only a reasonable one." This is his fifth puzzle for The Times — W.S.

ACROSS

1 Get along

8 New York's longest parkway, with "the"

15 Eats

19 Exodus figure

20 Well turned

21 "The Nutcracker" protagonist

22 I x A

24 Actor Gillen of "Game of Thrones"

25 Vodka in a blue bottle

26 Test for college srs.

27 Instrument that represents the duck in "Peter and the Wolf"

28 Lacework technique

30 The Caribbean's

33 Put at stake

35 Police group with an assignment

36 Mystery Writers of America trophy

39 x - y = x - y

42 Certain red algae

45 Middling mark

46 Fishmonger, at times

47 (A- or B+)/7

50 Postwar German sobriquet

54 Abbr. on a phone dial

55 Brest friend

56 Single hair on a carpet, maybe

59 Theresa May, for one

60 "Likewise"

62 Only places to find anteaters in the U.S.

63 Caboose

65 On point

67 √666

71 Dawn goddess

72 Blank section at the start of a cassette

74 Drop acid

75 Tennis's Nadal

77 "Bus Stop" playwright

78 Short cuts

79 "Hey_

80 Director Caro

83 Free all-ad publication

86 \$\$\$/X

90 Spanish-speaking Muppet on "Sesame Street"

94 Brewery named for a New York river

95 3 RR

93 A short while?

100 Mullah's decree

101 Like unbaked bread

102 Box score bit

103 Noted dog trainer

106 Founder of Egypt's 19th dynasty 108 W.S.J. announcements

110 Drop to zero battery

111 Curse word 115 Some giggling dolls

116 XEsq

120 Prognosticators

121 Hobbyist

122 Turned yellow, say

123 Goes off course

124 Actress Portia

125 One way to turn

DOWN

1 Two-stripe NCOs: Abbr.

2"Sure, I auess"

3 "No sweat"

4 Airport security apparatus

5 Follower of Christ?

6 Like cornflakes, after sitting for a while

7 1,000 large calories

8 K'una Fu-(Chinese name for

Confucius)

9"Now I get it!"

10 Russian blue or Egyptian Mau

11 OxyContin, e.g.

12 Archenemy

13 Martinique, par exemple

14 Dermatologist's concern

15 Fashionable set

16 Angular measurement

17 Relating to radioactive element No. 92

18 Wrist ornament

21 Booking for a wedding

23 Grassy stretches

29 First female singer to have three simultaneous solo top 10 singles

31 Elvis's middle name

32 Guitar inlay material

34 Seller of Famous Bowls

36 Gas brand with an oval logo

37 Pitched low 38 Attempted something

40 Opening to an apology

41 Tapering haircut

43 Nonmoving part of a motor

44 Blobbish "Li'l Abner" creature 48 Painter whose masterwork is said to be

the Scrovegni Chapel frescoes

49 Earth Science subj

Road in America (Nevada's Highway 50)

52 Wynken, Blynken and Nod, e.g.

53 Things that people are warned not to cross

57 Letters sometimes followed by :D

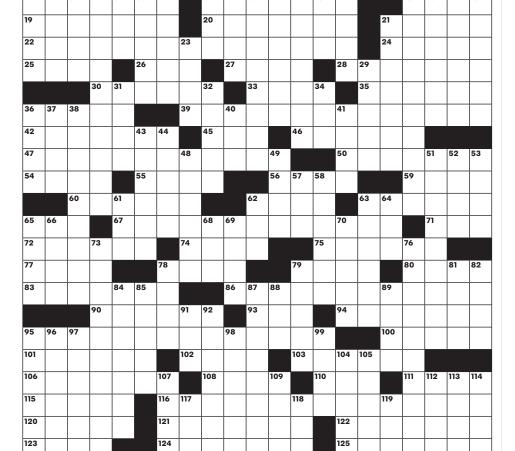
58 Handle online

61 Soldier food, for short

62 Throw in the microwave, slangily

63 R&B group with the 1991 No. 1 hit "I Like

the Way"



64 She, in Portuguese

65 Father-and-daughter boxing champs

66 Phnom

68 Mystical ball, e.g.

69 Kind of year: Abbr.

70 Former national airline of Brazil

73 Sticks on the tongue?

76 Made an attempt

78 Verve 79 1993 Salt-N-Pepa hit whose title is a

nonsense word 81 Didn't doubt

82 Notion

84 Sappho, e.g. 85 Annual athletic awards show

87 For sale in malls

88 Theater reproof

89 Done

91 Contraction in a Christmas song

92 Like Quakers

95 Actor Gibson of "2 Fast 2 Furious"

96 Doctor

97 Demolition tool 98 Stick on, as a poster

104 Lab-assisted, after "in" 105 Admit

107 Device that comes with 79-Across

99 Exclamation that might accompany a

-chef

112 Years in the Roman Empire 113 Abound

114 Fictional Mr. 117 Old-fashioned cry of despair

118 Part of T.G.I.F.: Abbr. 119 W.W. II rationing agcy.

Coaster Theatre Kidz Camps grants cover tuition

CANNON BEACH — The Coaster Theatre Playhouse has received the City of Cannon Beach's Community Services Grant and the US Bank's Community Grant to assist in tuition for its children's art camps.

Each camp focuses on three common aspects of theater arts: acting, singing and dancing. In addition to improving confidence and creativity, campers are exposed to teamwork, respect and unlimited imagination while creating a show and characters of their own.

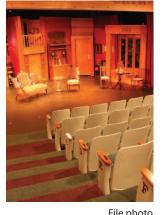
Spring Break Camp will meet 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, March 25, through Friday, March 29. The theme will be "Beauty and the Beast." Campers will explore the characters and plot lines from several different "Beauty and the Beast" stories, then create their own original mini-musical.

Registration is now open for the Spring Break Camp. Registration forms are available at coastertheatre.com.

Summer Camp will meet 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, July 15, through Friday, July 19. The theme will be "Heroes and Villains." Campers will explore various heroes and villains and the relationships between them while developing their own characters. Registration for the Summer

Camp will open on Wednesday, April 3. Forms will be available to download at coastertheatre.com Both camps are available to students ages 8 through 12 or in

third through sixth grade. The \$135 tuition is covered by the Cannon Beach and US Bank Community Grants. There is a \$50 activity fee.



Coaster Theatre Playhouse.

Audition for Peninsula Players' 'Mary Poppins'

CHINOOK, Wash. — Auditions for "Mary Poppins," the summer musical production of the Peninsula Association of Performing Artists, will take place 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 16 and March 17, and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, March 18, at the Fort Columbia Theater in Chinook, Wash.

A Discover Pass is not needed to gain access to the theater during these times.

Directed by Alicia Trusty, the play calls for multiple performers of all ages. It will open June 28 and run for five weekends.