

SUNDAY PUZZLES

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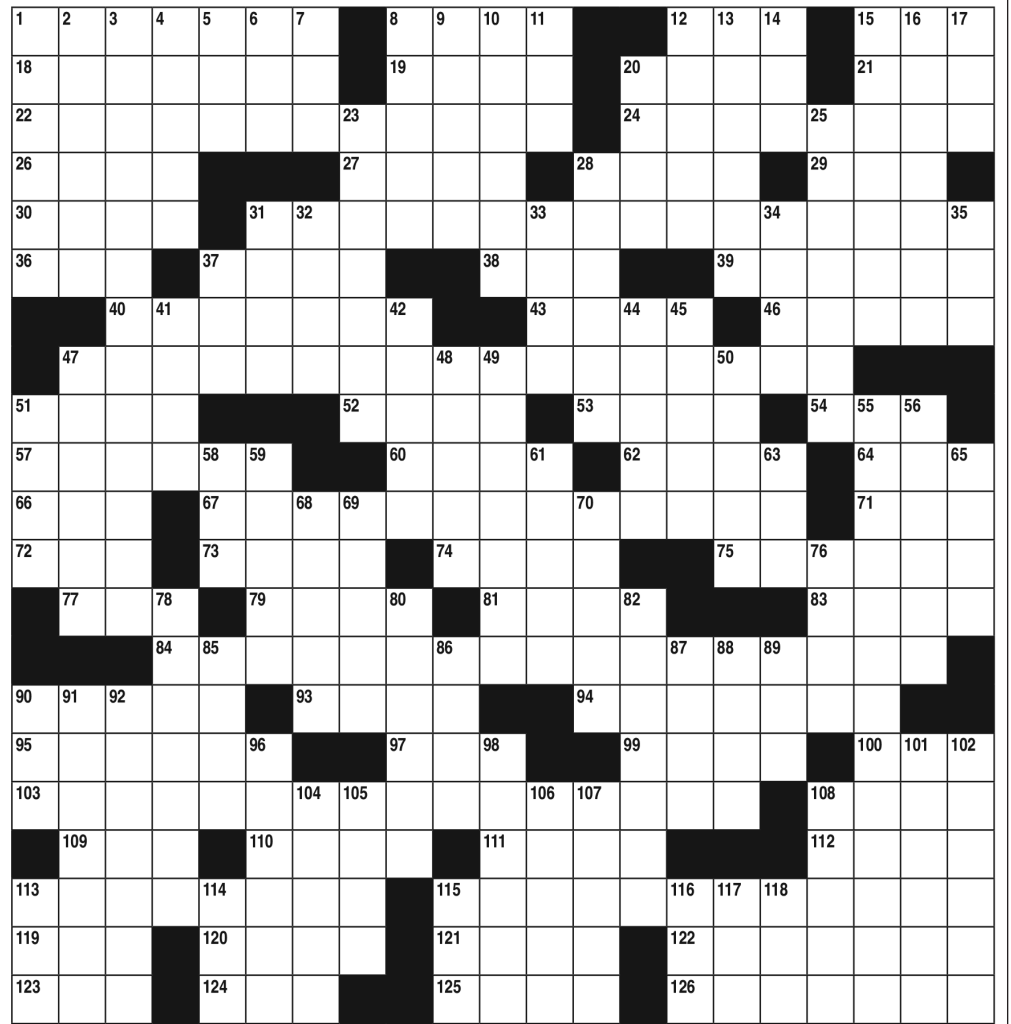
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BY LUCY HOWARD AND ROSS TRUDEAU / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Lucy Howard, of Austin, Tex., teaches therapeutic yoga and does internet marketing. She made her first puzzle as an icebreaker for her wedding last year. Ross Trudeau, of Cambridge, Mass., works for a K-12 education nonprofit. They met online last summer. Ross says, "We quickly bonded over our mutual love of crosswords and rock climbing." They spent many hours together on Zoom making this puzzle. This is Ross's 37th puzzle for The Times. It is Lucy's debut. — W.S.

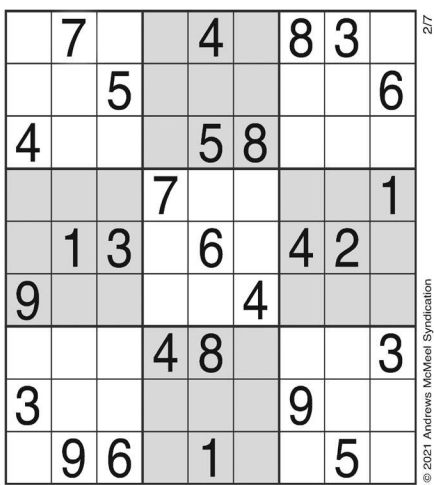
- ACROSS**
- 1 Onetime Sony rival
 - 8 Off-color
 - 12 Maker of the X6 and Z4
 - 15 Doctors Without Borders, e.g.: Abbr.
 - 18 Deep secret
 - 19 "___ Dead?" (Mark Twain play)
 - 20 Quickly learn one's lesson?
 - 21 Startling sound
 - 22 Bookworms call dad?
 - 24 South Beach and Paleo, for two
 - 26 Swiss painter Paul
 - 27 Company whose business is picking up?
 - 28 Seedy area?
 - 29 Big Apple media inits.
 - 30 Depletes, with "up"
 - 31 A young Justice Ginsburg chuckles?
 - 36 Signature item
 - 37 Singer Watson, a.k.a. Tones and I, with the 2019 hit "Dance Monkey"
 - 38 Apt name for a lawyer
 - 39 False accusation, informally
 - 40 Fancy Feast alternative
 - 43 One "R" in R&R
 - 46 Hoarse
 - 47 Do core exercises all day, every day?
- DOWN**
- 51 "___ Brockovich"
 - 52 Quick drive
 - 53 Elusive legend
 - 54 Business for Sanders supporters?
 - 57 Holiday dish served with sour cream or applesauce
 - 60 Links grp.
 - 62 Hard to handle, in a way
 - 64 Hunky-dory
 - 66 Response to an order
 - 67 Burger King bingefest?
 - 71 Alma mater for Spike Lee and Donald Glover, for short
 - 72 Logical connector
 - 73 With the greatest of ___
 - 74 ___ golf
 - 75 Sloped-roof support
 - 77 Govt. org. with a forerunner known as the Black Chamber
 - 79 Race units
 - 81 Dinner-table expander
 - 83 Hops-drying oven
 - 84 Supernova in our galaxy?
 - 90 Follower of word or potato
 - 93 "Gimme ___"
 - 94 ___-cat
 - 95 Numerous
 - 97 Symbols in Twitter handles
 - 99 Like ___ of sunshine
 - 100 Anatomical pouch
 - 103 When E.M.T.s bring home the bacon?
 - 108 "I mean ..."
 - 109 A/C spec
 - 110 Members of the crowd family
 - 111 Heavier alternative to a foil
 - 112 Guthrie who performed at Woodstock
 - 113 Cutting edge?
 - 115 Some astronomy Ph.D.s?
 - 119 Longtime Japanese P.M. who stepped down in 2020
 - 120 "Runnin'" team of N.C.A.A. Division I college basketball
 - 121 Comparable (to)
 - 122 Disciple
 - 123 Tarnish
 - 124 Really good time
 - 125 Capital near the North Sea
 - 126 Prepares (for)
 - 12 "The ___ — is wider than the Sky" (start of an Emily Dickinson poem)
 - 13 Bit of fill-in-the-blanks fun
 - 14 Subject of intl. treaties
 - 15 Compliant sorts
 - 16 Squalid digs
 - 17 Sports team V.I.P.s
 - 20 Corporate money managers, for short
 - 23 Ancient Egyptians
 - 25 Result of a breast pocket mishap, maybe
 - 28 Ally of the Brat Pack
 - 31 Common baking pear
 - 32 Sacred cross in ancient Egypt
 - 33 Chance to go
 - 34 Preserve, in a way
 - 35 Only Stratego piece with a letter on it
 - 37 Sardine container
 - 41 Studmuffin
 - 42 Absorb, as sauce with bread
 - 44 Give extra consideration, with "on"
 - 45 Idaho, e.g., in dialect
 - 47 Color marker
 - 48 Got hip, with "up"
 - 49 How a door might be slammed
 - 50 Subcontractor in a bathroom remodel
 - 51 Gusto
 - 55 One may be nominated for a Hugo Award
 - 56 Least forward



- 58 Palindromic farm animal
- 59 "We ___ Overcome"
- 61 Stubborn sorts
- 63 It helps in passing
- 65 Rocker Cobain
- 68 Japan's street food mecca
- 69 Diarist who documented the Great Plague of London
- 70 Gets lost
- 76 Eponym of the Detroit Lions field
- 78 Any Olympian, once
- 80 Drops an f-bomb, say
- 82 False fronts
- 85 Promises, promises!
- 86 Takes steps
- 87 ___ avis
- 88 Coarse farm sound
- 89 Dangerous move on a busy highway
- 90 "Blueberries for ___" (kid-lit classic)
- 91 Legendary password stealer
- 92 Higher, as ambitions
- 96 Build-your-own Tex-Mex dish
- 98 Does a dog trick
- 101 Declare
- 102 Where hangers hang
- 104 They go wherever the wind blows
- 105 They can be batted and rolled
- 106 When high school seniors often visit the colleges that accepted them
- 107 Like binary questions
- 108 Volt-amperes
- 113 Attention hog, maybe
- 114 Galoot
- 115 Portrait seen on renminbi bills
- 116 Car-sticker fig.
- 117 "Roses ___ red ..."
- 118 Nonsense

SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.



DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

VEWESR
TVLIEY
FDAARI
SMEEUB
UQLRIO
TARPIE

Looks like we're finally going to have a championship game between the American and National Football Leagues. Sounds great! It will be a grand game!

WHEN THEY PROPOSED AN AFL-NFL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME BE PLAYED, EVERYONE THOUGHT ---

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

PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

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"WORK PLACE" By GARY LARSON

ACROSS

- 1 She plays Niobe in "The Matrix" sequels
- 5 '70s Connecticut governor Ella
- 11 Requiring utensils, as some sandwiches
- 19 Pitcher Hershiser
- 20 Searched roughly
- 21 Apparent displacement due to observer movement
- 22 Facility for processing vacation requests?
- 24 Facility where the higher-ups do business?
- 26 Puts on cargo
- 27 "It's a ___!"
- 28 ORD postings
- 29 Expert
- 30 English race place
- 31 Hides
- 35 Reagan secretary of state
- 37 Click beetles
- 39 Wyoming natives
- 42 Peak
- 44 Facility for researching cocoa-based goodies?
- 48 Muesli morsel
- 49 City NNW of San Francisco
- 53 ___Ball: arcade game
- 54 Place for a hero
- 55 Pizzeria fixture
- 57 "Yum!"
- 59 Last of a series
- 62 Help
- 63 Red Cross supply
- 65 Deck alternatives
- 67 Advisories
- 69 Facility for baking custard-filled pastries?
- 74 Minds
- 77 Composer Prokofiev
- 78 Master, in Hindi
- 82 Zero deg. at the equator, say
- 83 Impact sound
- 87 Put (away)
- 89 California lake near the Nevada border
- 90 Unpopular spots
- 92 Donor drive target

DOWN

- 1 La ___ San Diego neighborhood that's home to Scripps Research
- 2 Neighborhoods
- 3 Facility for recycling old batteries?
- 4 Lung air sacs
- 5 Miracle ___
- 6 Thumb (through)
- 7 Fling
- 8 Pizzeria offerings
- 9 Shakers and others
- 10 Keats' "To Autumn," e.g.
- 11 Black ___
- 12 Toast topping
- 13 Part of Q.E.D.
- 14 Foe of Rocky and Bullwinkle
- 15 Frequent subject in recent headlines
- 130 Pickles
- 131 Yardsticks: Abbr.
- 16 Green and Yankovic
- 17 Conspiring group
- 18 Strict
- 23 It's often divided
- 25 ___-de-chaussee: ground floor
- 32 "Well, ___-di-dah!"
- 33 Suit in a Spanish deck of cards
- 34 Off-the-wall
- 36 Worn
- 38 Sound of an impact
- 40 Work with feet
- 41 Toward the sheltered side
- 42 Attractions in San Diego and the Bronx
- 43 Icicle's locale
- 44 Privia Pro Stage pianos, e.g.
- 45 Cordelia's father
- 46 Touched down
- 47 Bridge actions
- 50 Seized vehicle
- 51 Its planes have missile defense systems
- 52 Toy with a tail
- 56 Women with habits
- 58 Sharpens
- 60 Liquid meas.
- 61 They may be bitter
- 64 Gym equipment
- 66 Tough spot
- 68 Physical, say
- 70 Weasel report?
- 71 Stare at in a creepy way
- 72 Distribute, with "out"
- 73 Waterfront sight
- 74 Leaves on a dog
- 75 A head
- 76 Peak seen from Messina
- 79 Facility for manufacturing homes?
- 80 Skinny
- 81 Godsend
- 84 Arrive, in a way
- 85 Plus
- 86 Pre-test helper
- 88 Flier with a flight
- 91 Jazz diva Jones
- 93 Seconds, say
- 95 Contaminates
- 98 Excavation site
- 99 Isn't at all wishy-washy
- 100 Glass lip
- 102 Thespian companies
- 104 "Feather canyons everywhere," to Joni Mitchell
- 105 Building blocks
- 106 Givens in the "Wheel of Fortune" bonus round
- 107 Drinks in the a.m.
- 108 Like non-oyster months, traditionally
- 109 Did okay in class
- 111 ___layer
- 113 Heston title role
- 114 Sprouts-to-be
- 117 Mason's wedge
- 118 "The Usual Suspects" crime lord Keyser ___
- 122 108-card game
- 123 Montblanc product
- 124 Hard to see in
- 125 Sci-fi beings

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Daily Bridge Club

Louie's ice cream deal

By FRANK STEWART
Tribune Content Agency

Unlucky Louie and his wife, Esther, have raised a big family. They still have kids at home. Louie says that the shortest known interval of time is the "Sundae Second" — between the moment when your child says he's too full to finish his dinner and when he asks for ice cream.

When I watched today's deal in my club's penny game, Louie was South and was allowed to buy the contract at three diamonds. (As it happened, East-West could have won nine tricks at spades. Since East had a fourth spade, he might have competed further despite his paucity of high cards.)

West led the king of spades: three, nine from East (to suggest an even number of spades), queen. West then shifted to the ten of clubs. Grateful for the free finesse, Louie promptly put up dummy's queen ... and the contract left for Baskin-Robbins.

East's king covered, and Louie took the ace, drew trumps, led a club to dummy's jack and exited with a third club. East was able to win with the eight and lead the ten of hearts, and the defense took three hearts for down one.

Louie lost his contract in a banana-split second — when he covered West's ten of clubs. He succeeds if he lets the ten win. Suppose West leads another club and dummy's queen wins. Louie can ruff a spade, draw

trumps with the king and queen, cash the ace of clubs, lead a trump to dummy and return the jack of spades, discarding a heart as a loser-on-loser play.

When West wins, he is end-played. He must return a spade, conceding a ruff-sluft, or lead a heart, letting Louie's king score.

West dealer
Neither side vulnerable

NORTH

♠ J 5 3
♥ 7 5 3
♦ A 10 7 5
♣ Q J 5

EAST

♠ 9 8 7 6
♥ Q 10 9 4
♦ J 4
♣ K 8 6

SOUTH

♠ Q
♥ K 6 2
♦ K Q 9 6 3 2
♣ A 4 3

West 1 ♠
North Pass
East 2 ♠
South 3 ♦

Opening lead — ♠ K