

SUNDAY PUZZLES

SOLUTIONS ON C7

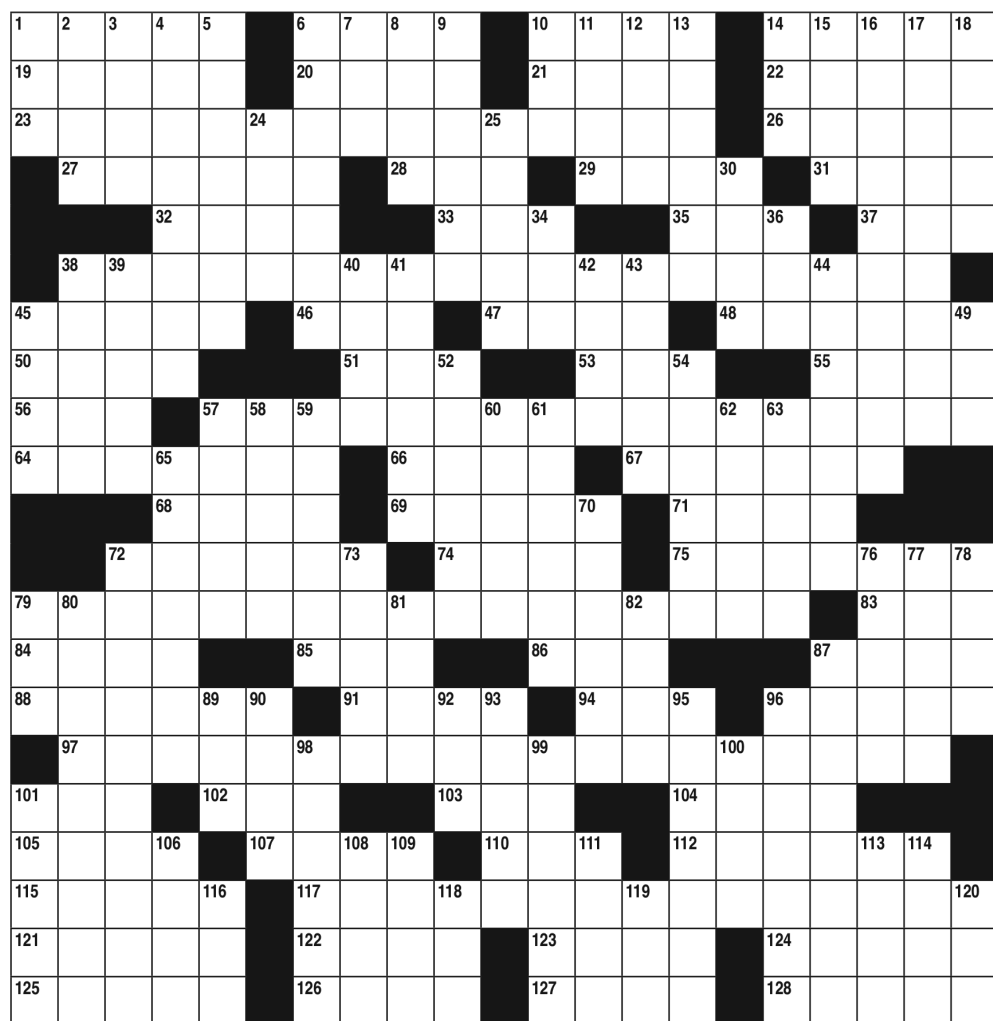
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Jim Hilger, of Amarillo, Texas, is a retired computer analyst and educator. Besides making crosswords, he enjoys collecting 45 r.p.m. records (he has more than 10,000 of them), cartooning and watercolor painting. "Most of my paintings end up looking like cartoons, however," he says. The starting point of this puzzle was 38-Across. Jim apologizes in advance to the maker of every product he has "misplaced" herein. — W.S.

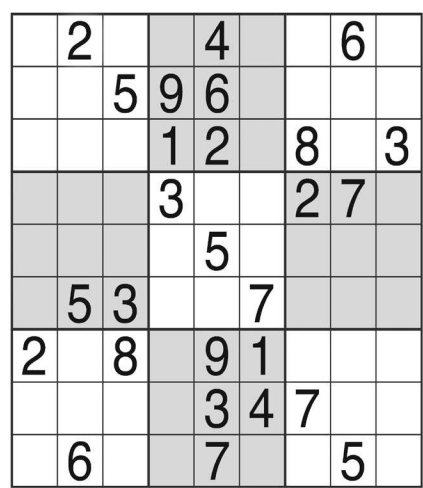
- ACROSS**
- 1 Mannerly
 - 6 Philippine currency
 - 10 Just open
 - 14 Second socks, say
 - 19 Offer a judgment
 - 20 Thing with tags
 - 21 Fruit-salad fruit
 - 22 Sound of exertion
 - 23 Huge celebration after L.A.'s football team wins the Super Bowl?
 - 26 Nice nicety
 - 27 Great shakes
 - 28 Oldest tech sch. in the U.S., founded in 1824
 - 29 Bygone royalty
 - 31 Oodles and oodles
 - 32 Besmirch
 - 33 Big fuss
 - 35 With 1-Down, address ender
 - 37 Schlep
 - 38 Reason that the prestigious scientific journal refuses articles from President Herbert's relatives?
 - 45 Power symbol?
 - 46 Senate support
 - 47 ___ gras
 - 48 Restorative indulgence
 - 50 Kind of bookstore
- DOWN**
- 51 Oil-field sight
 - 53 It's symbolized by an elephant, for short
 - 55 Theater seating option
 - 56 Japanese honorific
 - 57 Apology from a musician to the other band members?
 - 64 Best Picture winner that was banned in Vietnam
 - 66 Lena of "Chocolat"
 - 67 1957 Jimmy Dorsey hit
 - 68 "Lonely Boy" singer, 1959
 - 69 Stiff
 - 71 Morally uncompromised
 - 72 Many a summer position
 - 74 Like writing about how to write
 - 75 Epitome of herd mentality
 - 79 Volunteered at a nursery?
 - 83 General practice?
 - 84 Idle of Monty Python
 - 85 ___ Lou Who of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"
 - 86 Elton John or Mick Jagger
 - 87 District on Hawaii's west coast
 - 88 Volcanic substance
 - 91 Person fluent in Quechua
 - 94 Et ___ (footnote abbr.)
- ACROSS**
- 8 State symbol
 - 9 Sound from a marching band
 - 10 Pseudonym lead-in
 - 11 Ditch at the last moment
 - 12 Leatherwork tools
 - 13 Largest city on the Arabian Peninsula
 - 14 "Lionized" studio
 - 15 Neighborhood
 - 16 Gift in "The 12 Days of Christmas"
 - 17 Push
 - 18 Trap, of a sort
 - 24 Sheikh's peer
 - 25 Free from
 - 30 Aussie animals
 - 34 Medal above plata
 - 36 One-up
 - 38 ___ cavity
 - 39 Bowl, e.g.
 - 40 Prefix with nautical
 - 41 One temporarily entrusting property to another
 - 42 Ink
 - 43 Units in the life span of a galaxy
 - 44 Ad ___ tax
 - 45 Brink of transition
 - 49 Folksy possessive
 - 52 Wilt
 - 54 Magazine whose crossword is always accompanied by a photograph
 - 57 Rigged card game
 - 58 Hooked up, as oxen
 - 59 Wolfs (down)
- DOWN**
- 1 See 35-Across
 - 2 Uber and Lyft had theirs in 2019, for short
 - 3 Tarzan's transport
 - 4 Didn't just request
 - 5 Is dismissed, as a class
 - 6 On a Seder plate, it represents the arrival of springtime
 - 7 Port. is part of it
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- 60 Supergiant in Orion
- 61 Hall of Fame quarterback for the Colts
- 62 More balanced
- 63 In ___ way
- 65 Rail container for liquids
- 72 Cloth woven from flax fiber
- 73 So last year
- 76 "You can't make me!"
- 77 Female goat
- 78 Gloomy, weather-wise
- 79 Place to surf
- 80 Haydn's "The Creation" and others
- 81 Step on a ladder
- 82 The Berenstain Bears live in one
- 87 "A merry old soul," in a nursery rhyme
- 89 Crack up, in textspeak
- 90 Bit of kindling
- 92 U.S. counterpart to Britain's MI6
- 93 ___-Norman French
- 95 Common call on a 3rd-and-1
- 96 Not black-and-white
- 98 Sticker worn in November
- 99 How some practical jokes go
- 100 Burden
- 101 Prairie east of the Andes
- 106 Two-fifths of one quarter
- 108 Sitar selection
- 109 Move laboriously
- 111 Houston M.L.B.'er
- 113 Stressed, in a way: Abbr.
- 114 Multiple of tetra-
- 116 Union member of the 20th century, for short
- 118 Concern for one catching a connection, briefly
- 119 Sound from a drunk
- 120 "Stop right there!"

SUDOKU

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



DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

JUMBLE

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

LNHECC
RDENOV
OAFTRM
CIRWEK
ADRISU
XETETN

PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

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"LOVE IS ..." By JAKE BRAUN

ACROSS

- 1 Honshu high pt.
- 7 King of Maine
- 14 Alpine Olympics event
- 20 Playground denial
- 21 Former SAG president Gilbert
- 22 Like many garages
- 23 Discipline involving slow movement
- 24 "... the beauty of the soul"
- 26 Equivalent wd.
- 27 22.5 deg.
- 29 Spam-spreading program
- 30 Games gp. that added a "P" to its initials in 2019
- 31 Frank behind a bookcase
- 32 Colosseum warrior
- 35 Sommer of cinema
- 37 Literally, the sci. of women
- 38 Origami bird
- 41 Manhattan, e.g.: Abbr.
- 42 Progress
- 45 Airport not far from the Common
- 46 Native ceremonial pipe
- 49 Emphatic type
- 53 Forever, with "an"
- 55 "... a fruit in season at all times"
- 58 Leopardlike cats
- 59 Touch
- 60 German coal valley
- 61 Author Rand
- 62 Suffix with salt
- 63 "Yes!"
- 64 Med. office titles
- 65 WWI Belgian battle site
- 67 Very big
- 70 "... an irresistible desire to be irresistibly desired"
- 74 Inner: Pref.
- 75 Sky blue
- 77 Audio units: Abbr.
- 78 Word with cut or pin
- 79 Dripping ___
- 81 TD scorers
- 82 High style
- 84 Dish put away with a spoon
- 85 Two-year periods

DOWN

- 1 Yoga needs
- 2 Cafeteria convenience
- 3 Sinn ___
- 4 Auntie's hubby
- 5 "... a flower, you got to let it grow"
- 6 Rock memoir
- 7 Texting format, briefly
- 8 Perforated orb holding leaves
- 9 "Cats" poet
- 10 Spotted horse
- 11 Post-WWII pres.
- 12 Genesis twin
- 13 Whale-watching woe
- 14 Wouldn't go back on
- 15 Elec. units
- 16 Greek "I"
- 17 Cake topping
- 18 Childcare employee
- 19 Place to putt
- 25 Top medal
- 28 Orders from on high
- 32 Way more cool
- 33 "By Jove!"
- 34 Bonnie Blue's dad
- 36 Place to have a meal
- 38 Queen of the Nile, familiarly
- 39 Campus mil. unit
- 40 Screenwriter James
- 43 Horn of Africa country: Abbr.
- 44 Pirate's cry
- 47 "Burnt" pigment
- 48 Oregon's highest point
- 50 Absorb in class
- 51 "... to come"
- 52 Kid's assertion
- 54 Road to the Forum
- 56 Goof or gaffe
- 57 Tamblin of "West Side Story" (1961)
- 59 Iowa State city
- 63 Monastery VIP
- 64 Sign of a slow leak
- 66 Honey and Sugar
- 67 80-pound concert instruments
- 68 Turkic native
- 69 Like winds in storms
- 71 Gambler's calculation
- 72 Raoul Dufy, stylistically
- 73 Silly goose
- 76 Continental travel pass
- 80 "... the truth more first than sun, more last than star"
- 83 Limelight
- 84 Salon cuts
- 85 Warned one's master, perhaps
- 86 Line above the equator: Abbr.
- 87 "Sing it, Sam" speaker
- 88 DA's aide
- 90 "Xanadu" rock gp.
- 91 Suffix with Catholic
- 92 Jargon
- 95 Very small role
- 98 Starring role
- 99 Ad astra per ...: Kansas motto
- 102 Phased-out Apple messaging tool
- 103 Wade noisily
- 104 Florence's ___ Vecchio
- 107 Pixar title robot
- 108 Wood shapers
- 109 Half-serious sequence?
- 111 Spanish bull
- 113 Final notice
- 116 Sightseeing trip
- 117 Christmas trio
- 118 Fingered
- 120 Operated
- 121 Back at sea
- 122 Hall of Famer Young et al.
- 124 Issa of "Insecure"

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Daily Bridge Club

Reading the cards

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Cy the Cynic gave me a ride to the club. At a red light, we stopped behind a car that bore this bumper sticker:

"If you can read this ... I'm not impressed. Most people can read."

Reading the cards — drawing logical inferences from the bidding and play — is known as a mark of an expert declarer. In fact, most "expert" card-placing is simple in principle.

I watched Cy play today's slam in a penny game. After a little thought, West led the deuce of clubs, and Cy played low from dummy and captured East's nine with the jack. Cy next led a heart to dummy's king and tried a heart to his jack. West won and led a second club to dummy.

Cy then led a heart to his ace. He cashed the A-K of spades, and both defenders played low. Cy then took the ace of clubs, pitching a diamond from dummy. He led a diamond to the king and cashed two hearts, discarding spades.

With two tricks to go, dummy had the jack of spades and a diamond. The Cynic had the A-J of diamonds. West had kept the queen of spades and the bare queen of diamonds. At Trick 12, Cy led the diamond from dummy, thought forever ... and finessed with the jack. Down two.

Should Cy have known better? Good defenders generally prefer a passive opening lead against 6NT,

but West had led a dangerous club from Q-x-x-x. West would not have led a heart from Q-9-x, but if he had a worthless holding in spades or diamonds, he would have led that suit.

Cy should put up his ace of diamonds at the end. He should read West for all four missing queens to explain the opening lead.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ J 4 2
♥ K 8 7 5 4
♦ K 5 3
♣ K 6

WEST
♠ Q 7 6
♥ Q 9 2
♦ Q 8 4
♣ Q 7 4 2

EAST
♠ 10 8 5
♥ 10 6
♦ 10 9 7 2
♣ 10 9 5 3

SOUTH
♠ A K 9 3
♥ A J 3
♦ A J 6
♣ A J 8

South 2NT West Pass North 6NT East All Pass

Opening lead — ♣ 2