

# SUNDAY PUZZLES

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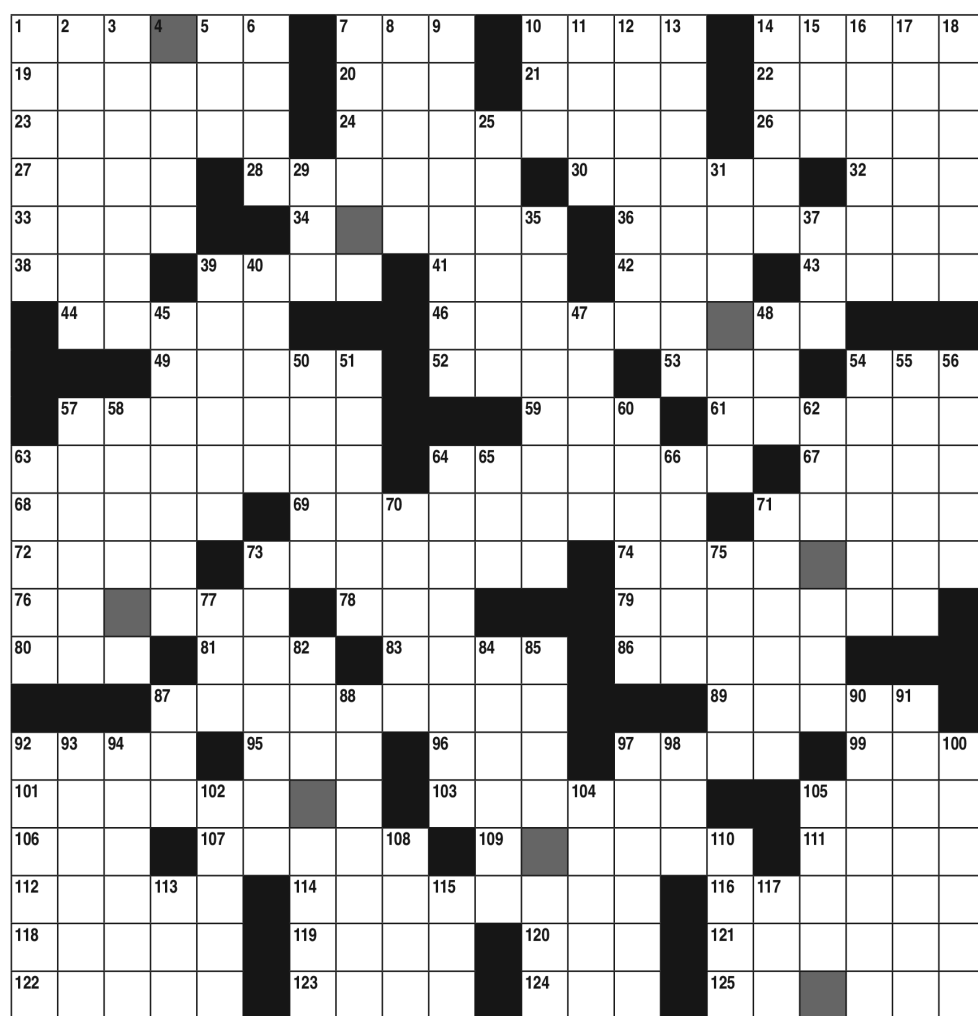
### SEALED WITH A KISS

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Lisa Bunker, of Exeter, N.H., is the author of two novels for young readers — “Zenobia July,” about a trans girl with a troubled past starting over with a new family and school, while tackling a cybermystery; and “Felix Yz,” about a boy fused with an alien facing a risky procedure to separate them. Both were published by Viking. She also represents Exeter in the New Hampshire House of Representatives. This is Lisa’s sixth puzzle for The Times and her first Sunday. — W.S.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Percussion instrument in a marching band
  - 7 Prefix with sexual
  - 10 Prefix with sexual
  - 14 Animals in a pod
  - 19 Start of a playground taunt
  - 20 Kitchen brand with a palindromic name
  - 21 What an article may come with?
  - 22 Drain, as from soil
  - 23 Fatsis who wrote “Word Freak”
  - 24 Most feathery, as clouds
  - 26 “Thong Song” singer, 2000
  - 27 Sharp, in a way
  - 28 Early tie
  - 30 The ones over here
  - 32 In the capacity of
  - 33 Some Ivy Leaguers
  - 34 Born yesterday, so to speak
  - 36 Calm
  - 38 Comfy slip-on, in brief
  - 39 What an outstretched arm with an open palm can mean
  - 41 Fleet org.
  - 42 It means business
  - 43 Stakes
- DOWN**
- 44 Narrow
  - 46 Group tour vehicle
  - 49 Playground comeback
  - 52 Build up
  - 53 Sci-fi publisher of “Ender’s Game” and “The Wheel of Time”
  - 54 Popular beer brand, briefly
  - 57 With 3-Down, one of the Avengers
  - 59 \_\_\_ smear
  - 61 Reduced
  - 63 Opposite of a standing order?
  - 64 “Do me this one favor ...”
  - 67 French vineyards
  - 68 Prats
  - 69 Contrariwise
  - 71 North African capital
  - 72 Nongendered, as language: Abbr.
  - 73 Sui \_\_\_
  - 74 Kind of dash
  - 76 Best Supporting Actor winner for “Dallas Buyer’s Club”
  - 78 Prefix with friendly
  - 79 Rules out?
  - 80 West Coast beer brand, in brief
  - 81 “\_\_\_ ruled the world ...”
  - 83 :
  - 86 Capital of Yemen
  - 87 Kind of modern office plan
  - 89 Smell of a rose
  - 92 Smell of a rosé
  - 95 \_\_\_ Fridays
  - 96 Barrister’s deg.
  - 97 Bench tool
  - 99 Quibble
  - 101 Student’s bonus points
  - 103 Drawn-out campaigns
  - 105 When doubled, another name for dorado
  - 106 Call \_\_\_ night
  - 107 Eighth letter
  - 109 British tennis champ who invented the sweatband
  - 111 \_\_\_ impasse
  - 112 Guardian spirits
  - 114 Especially
  - 116 Soubise sauce is made from them
  - 118 Greenish-brown
  - 119 \_\_\_ cake (dim sum dish)
  - 120 Suffix with social
  - 121 “Wheel of Fortune” freebies
  - 122 Sharp
  - 123 Label for Otis Redding and Isaac Hayes
  - 124 Latin king
  - 125 Sea lion, for one
  - 2 Few
  - 3 See 57-Across
  - 4 Subsequent versions
  - 5 Thurman of “Kill Bill”
  - 6 Word before and after “a”
  - 7 Turned on
  - 8 Kind of symmetry
  - 9 A pretty capable sort
  - 10 Singer DiFranco
  - 11 Big name in bubbly
  - 12 Small woodland songbird
  - 13 “Town square for the global village of tomorrow,” per Bill Gates
  - 14 Jimmy of the Daily Planet
  - 15 L. L. Bean competitor
  - 16 Medieval helmet
  - 17 Exonerate
  - 18 Prime snorkeling spots
  - 25 Like many stuffed animals
  - 29 PX shopper
  - 31 The Quran, for one
  - 35 Mango Madness and Go Bananas, for two
  - 37 Ones initiating handoffs, for short
  - 39 Some mattresses
  - 40 Indulgence
  - 45 Capital of French Polynesia
  - 47 Show again
  - 48 Caterer’s container

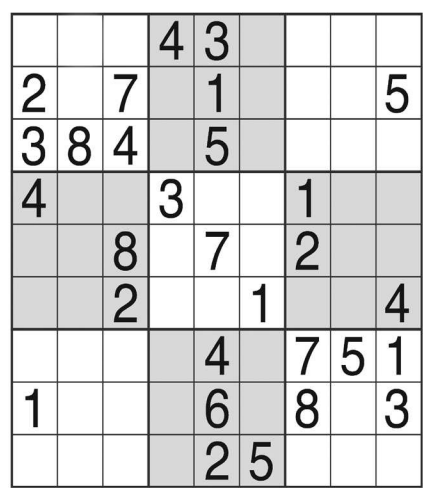
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- 50 A fine mesh this is!
- 51 Debussy prelude inspired by a water sprite
- 54 Outcast
- 55 Out of focus
- 56 Surface anew, say
- 57 Post production
- 58 Without a doubt
- 60 Turkish officers
- 62 Timid sort
- 63 Instrument in “O! Susannah”
- 64 They’ll be mist
- 65 Super Bowl of 2022
- 66 Place with robes and sweaters
- 70 Seasick sea serpent of old cartoons
- 71 Bank posting
- 73 Words after throwing a ball
- 75 Grams
- 77 Unbalance
- 82 Packaging list
- 84 “L’chaim!”
- 85 (a, b), e.g.
- 87 Anthem contraction
- 88 Suit perfectly
- 90 France from France
- 91 Singer who founded Fenty Beauty
- 92 What ponies express?
- 93 Field-plowing duo
- 94 Poem piece
- 97 Notable point in geometry
- 98 U.N. member since 1949: Abbr.
- 100 Glittery decoration
- 102 Listing
- 104 Beau \_\_\_
- 105 Ones with plenty of reservations
- 108 Blade brand
- 110 Days of old
- 113 Suffix with court or cash
- 115 Deli supply
- 117 Surveillance org.

### 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.

OGAREF  
TGEENA  
HOSSOW  
ARKETA  
ROPAUR  
LNIEGM

WHAT DO YOU THINK? SHOULD WE BUY THIS CHATEAU? I thought it was a mansion.

WHETHER YOU CALL IT AN ESTATE, MANSION, CHATEAU, ETC., DEPENDS ON YOUR ...

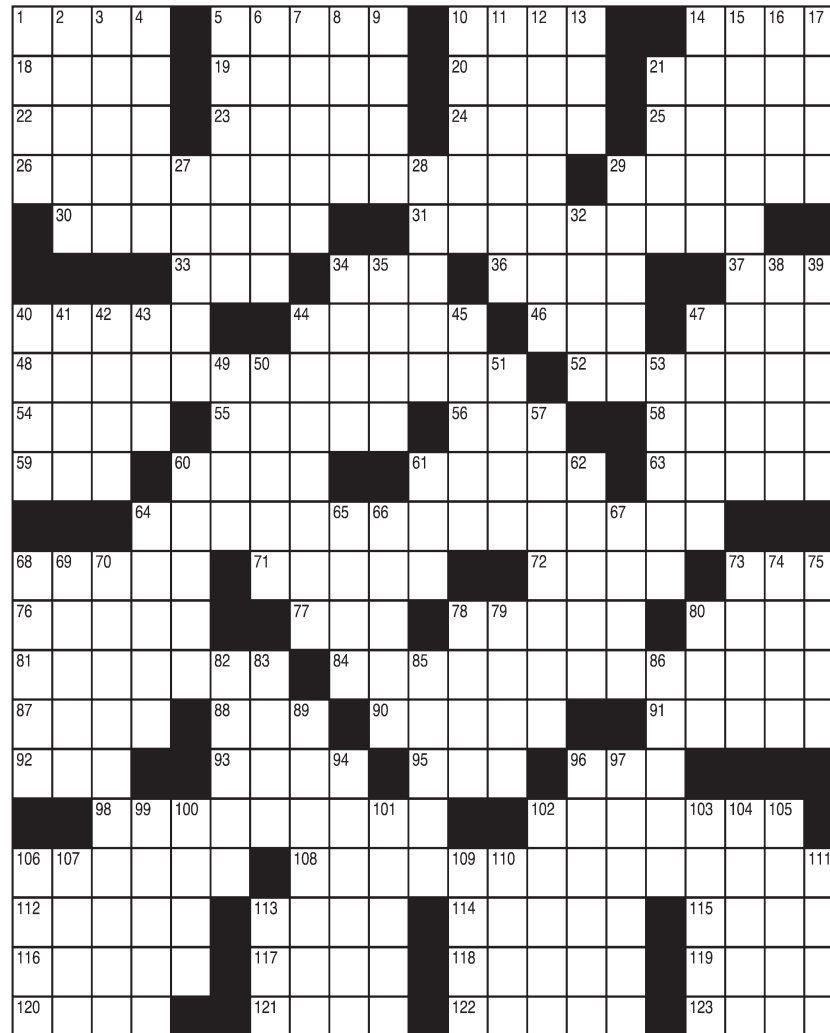
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

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- “START THE MUSIC” By MARK McCLAIN**
- ACROSS**
- 1 Short-legged hopper
  - 5 Untidy types
  - 10 25% of doce
  - 14 Period
  - 18 River in Tuscany
  - 19 Tiny island
  - 20 Slew
  - 21 Mom-and-pop business
  - 22 Fallon
  - 23 Became aware of, with “to”
  - 24 Victor’s wife in “Casablanca”
  - 25 Cobbler fruit
  - 26 Summer cottage, perhaps
  - 29 Emotive speaker
  - 30 Fell in pellets
  - 31 Result
  - 33 Musician’s gift
  - 34 Fitness ratio: Abbr.
  - 36 Lake south of London
  - 37 Have something
  - 40 Oklahoma’s top crop
  - 44 Handle
  - 46 Dairy-based quaff
  - 47 Phobia lead-in
  - 48 Prior conviction, e.g.
  - 50 One of the ones that “say so much,” in an Elton John hit
  - 54 Brewpub choices
  - 55 Pitchers that can’t throw?
  - 56 Peachy-keen
  - 58 Coronary chambers
  - 59 Name of the Baltimore Ravens’ mascot
  - 60 Programmer’s problem, perhaps
  - 61 Drinking noise
  - 63 Facebook count
  - 64 Iberian landmark that’s an insurance company logo
  - 68 Put back to zero
  - 71 Villainous look
  - 72 Half a game fish
  - 73 Reverence
  - 76 Unfitting
  - 77 Dusk, poetically
  - 78 Not treating nicely
  - 80 Fussbudget
  - 81 Some fort components
  - 84 Personal exam?
  - 87 One way to rest
  - 88 Zugspitze, e.g.
  - 90 With full force
  - 91 Senate staffers
  - 92 Pioneering TV brand
  - 93 One covering the bases
  - 95 Online notes
  - 96 Symbolic uncle
  - 98 The other way around
  - 102 Port alternative
  - 106 Bar accessory
  - 108 Commonsense approach
  - 112 Showed the courage
  - 113 Credit union seizure
  - 114 Carpenter’s machine
  - 115 Concerning
  - 116 “Let Me Ride” Grammy winner
  - 117 Champagne spec
  - 118 One who shows the way
  - 119 Yemeni city
  - 120 Leave in
  - 121 AOL and Comcast
  - 122 “Beau \_\_\_”
  - 123 Moms in a glade
  - 1 Barber’s powder
  - 2 Lunch box
  - 3 Set aside
  - 4 Lorna of Brit Lit
  - 5 Peloponnesian city-state
  - 6 Many a Grisham hero
  - 7 Prayer opening
  - 8 Whip up a cake
  - 9 Bird feeder cake
  - 10 Heist figure
  - 11 Be empathetic
  - 12 NBA’s \_\_\_
  - 13 Conference
  - 14 Mar. honoree
  - 15 Start celebrating
  - 16 1968 album containing “The Motorcycle Song”
  - 17 At no time, in old times
  - 21 \_\_\_ Lee
  - 27 Saw things
  - 28 Bonnie with 10 Grammys
  - 29 Luxury watch
  - 32 Jamaica’s Ocho \_\_\_
  - 34 Bud, for one
  - 35 \_\_\_ wear
  - 38 Immortal army leader
  - 39 Draped garments
  - 40 Sub alternative
  - 41 Image in a religious painting
  - 42 Foil alternative
  - 43 Pack animal
  - 44 Starting point
  - 45 Colgate rival
  - 47 Moving around
  - 49 1964 Civil Rts. Act creation
  - 50 “Return of the Jedi” beings
  - 51 MYOB word
  - 53 \_\_\_ Lama
  - 57 “The Moonmoons” surname
  - 60 Popular long shot
  - 61 Title for Richard Starkey
  - 62 Montana motto
  - 64 Email option
  - 65 Professional charges
  - 66 Piazza de Ferrarri city
  - 67 God with a hammer
  - 68 Redder, perhaps
  - 69 Computer that was retired in 1955
  - 70 Topping for chicken
  - 73 Quite dry
  - 74 Half of a dinner pairing
  - 75 Poaching targets
  - 78 Cartoon explosion sound
  - 79 With no changes
  - 80 Key letter
  - 82 Do a garden chore
  - 83 Czech or Serb
  - 85 Inuit craft
  - 86 Stephen King’s role as the minister in “Pet Sematary,” e.g.
  - 89 Would rather have
  - 94 Support
  - 96 Sweet-smelling pouch
  - 97 Hold fast
  - 99 Unmoving
  - 100 Give up
  - 101 Places to put coins
  - 102 Enduring legends
  - 103 It ends with the burial of Hector
  - 104 Last movement of Beethoven’s “Waldstein” Sonata, e.g.
  - 105 Come to terms
  - 106 Santa Anita numbers
  - 107 86-Down, for one
  - 109 Connect, in a way, with “in”
  - 110 RSVP convenience
  - 111 Strong desires
  - 113 MLB stat



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### Daily Bridge Club

## Cy visits the dentist

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“Did you keep that dental appointment you had scheduled?” I asked Cy the Cynic in the club lounge. “I kept it,” Cy said grumpily. “The dental technician asked me whether I flossed regularly. I said I did.”

“Did she believe you?” “She said lying through one’s teeth does not constitute flossing,” Cy growled.

In that afternoon’s penny Chicago game, Cy fell victim to a little prevarication. As South in today’s deal, he opened one club. When North responded one diamond, Cy could have bid one spade next, or perhaps stretched a bit to jump to two spades (forcing to game). Instead, he bid 2NT to show a balanced 18 or 19 points, and North correctly raised to the nine-trick notrump game.

West led the king of spades, and the Cynic ducked twice and won the third spade with his ace. He next led a diamond to dummy’s queen and returned a club to his king — and West played low as if he had never heard of the ace.

Cy could still have made the contract with an end play. He also could have led a second diamond to dummy and returned a heart to his queen. But Cy had no reason to think that East had the king of hearts and good reason to place him with the ace of clubs instead. So Cy went to dummy with a diamond and led a second club to his queen.

This time West produced the ace ... and the jack of clubs and a high spade for down one.

Cy makes 3NT if West wins the first club. West could cash his good spade and exit with a diamond, but then Cy would have no choice but to finesse in hearts for his ninth trick. West’s deception offered him a losing option.

South dealer  
N-S vulnerable

**NORTH**  
♠ J 3  
♥ J 8 3 2  
♦ A Q J 9 2  
♣ 9 8 6 5

**WEST**  
♠ K Q 10 9  
♥ J 8 3 2  
♦ 8 4  
♣ A J 4

**EAST**  
♠ 6 5 2  
♥ K 10 6 4  
♦ 7 6 3  
♣ 10 3 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ A 8 7 4  
♥ A Q 9  
♦ K 10 5  
♣ K Q 7

South 1♣ West Pass North 1♦ East Pass  
2NT Pass 3NT All Pass

Opening lead — ♠ K

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