

# SUNDAY PUZZLES

SOLUTIONS ON C7

## THE NEW YORK TIMES CROSSWORD

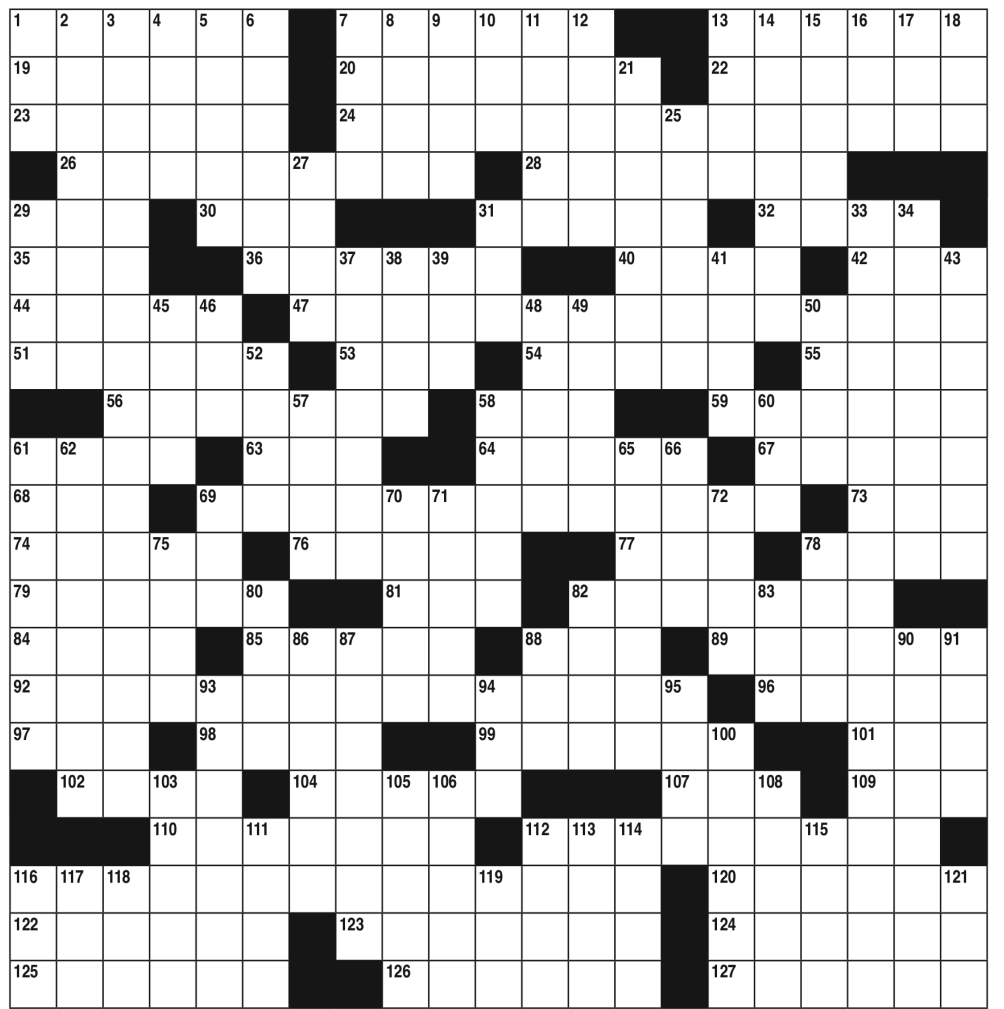
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### KARAOKE BARS

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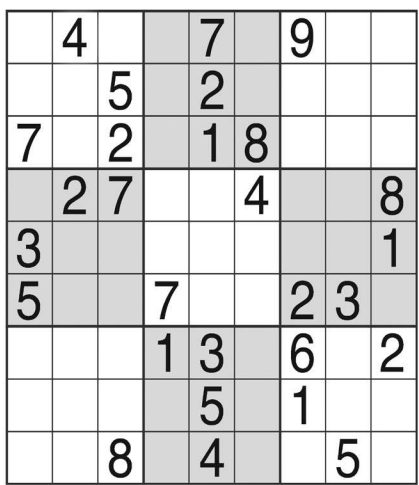
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| <b>ACROSS</b>   | 51 Things many people lose as they grow older    | 96 "Same here"                          | 11 Where thrills provide thrills              |
| 1 Prayer, e.g.  | 53 Big Five studio of Hollywood's Golden Age     | 97 "I mean ..."                         | 12 Something that's well-kept?                |
| 7 Market index, for short   | 54 "Thus ..."                                    | 98 What goes right to the bottom?       | 13 Comeback                                   |
| 13 And so on and so forth   | 55 St. Louis symbol                              | 99 Got around                           | 14 It's turned, in a phrase                   |
| 19 Actor Ray of "Field of Dreams"   | 56 Strongly endorse                              | 101 "Hoo-boy!"                          | 15 It's a relief!                             |
| 20 Like a certain complex   | 57 Hot place to chill                            | 102 Gist                                | 16 Prefix with conscious                      |
| 22 Relative of the mambo  | 58 ___ Adlon, Emmy winner for "King of the Hill" | 103 Last option in a list, maybe        | 17 Poetic shortening                          |
| 23 High winds   | 61 Papal name last taken in 1939                 | 104 "That feels goo-ood!"               | 18 Food-pantry donation                       |
| 24 Space bars? [Frank Sinatra]  | 63 Smallest state in India                       | 105 Practice                            | 21 Broad valley                               |
| 26 Healthful dessert options  | 64 Options for outdoor wedding receptions        | 106 Brainy?                             | 25 Large expanses                             |
| 28 Overhauled, in a way   | 67 Like some bread and cereal                    | 107 A+ earner                           | 27 2006 film with the tagline "Keep it wheel" |
| 29 "___ making a list ..."  | 68 Director Lee                                  | 108 Singles bars? [Robyn]               | 29 Hindu festival of colors                   |
| 30 Offering in china ... or from China  | 69 Prison bars? [Elvis Presley]                  | 109 First House speaker from California | 31 Most-watched TV show of 2002-05            |
| 31 "Top Chef" chef ___ Hall   | 73 Bamboozled                                    | 122 Not going anywhere                  | 33 Gold bars? [Queen]                         |
| 32 Geographical name that comes from the Sioux for "sleepy ones"  | 74 Weight right here!                            | 123 Was snoopy                          | 34 "Do you understand me?"                    |
| 35 First prize at the Juegos Olímpicos  | 76 ___ Austin, Biden defense secretary           | 124 Made square                         | 37 Disappointing court result                 |
| 36 Sink holes   | 77 Misidentify something, e.g.                   | 125 Japanese mat                        | 38 Black                                      |
| 40 Biting   | 78 For the lady                                  | 126 "We got permission!"                | 39 Habitat for Humanity is one, for short     |
| 42 Bird whose males incubate the eggs   | 79 Center of a court                             | 127 Makes insulting jokes about         | 41 Sister restaurant of Applebee's            |
| 44 Mathematical proposition   | 81 They're often parked in parks                 | <b>DOWN</b>                             | 43 Lets go of                                 |
| 47 Wet bars? [Gene Kelly]   | 82 Relevant                                      | 1 Sitcom extraterrestrial               | 45 Gaping holes                               |
| Online subscriptions: Today's puzzle and more than 4,000 past puzzles, <a href="http://nytimes.com/crosswords">nytimes.com/crosswords</a> (\$39.95 a year). | 84 Excited cry after scratching a lottery ticket | 2 Did a little lifting                  | 46 Weizenbock or Berliner Weisse              |
|   | 85 Move a cursor (over)                          | 3 Candy bars? [Def Leppard]             | 48 Scruffs                                    |
|   | 88 Pride : lions :: ___ : dolphins               | 4 "You, too?!"                          | 49 Ridiculous                                 |
|   | 89 Hip   | 5 Wiped out                             | 50 Seventh avatar of Vishnu                   |
|   | 92 Cash bars? [Abba]                             | 6 Stood the test of time                | 52 It's a long story                          |
|   |  | 7 Mapo ___ (spicy Sichuan dish)         | 57 Muddy                                      |
|   |  | 8 A leg up                              | 58 Beefcakes                                  |
|   |  | 9 Häagen-Dazs competitor                | 60 Thumbs-up                                  |
|   |  | 10 Low-wattage                          |   |



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| 61 Solving crosswords, e.g.                              | 72 Native American tribe of Montana                          | 90 "No more for me, thank you"                                 | 108 Egg: Sp. 111 2016 No. 1 album for Rihanna |
| 62 Insect named for the way it moves, not for its length | 75 Single  | 91 Minute  | 112 Pop                                       |
| 65 Got hot on Twitter, say                               | 78 Box score column  | 93 Element 39  | 113 Really thin type                          |
| 66 Kind  | 80 Noted 1815 comedy of manners                              | 94 Big bleu expanse  | 114 ___ Domini                                |
| 69 ___ Psaki, Biden press secretary                      | 81 Flag carrier of Karachi and Islamabad                     | 95 Alumni grouping   | 115 "I beg of you," e.g.                      |
| 70 Gymnastics apparatus                                  | 82 Actress Chaplin   | 100 Stylish  | 116 Bit of Morse code                         |
| 71 Oral equivalent of a facepalm                         | 83 World capital that's home to Kotoka International Airport | 103 World capital that's home to Noi Bai International Airport | 117 Actress de Armas                          |
|  | 86 Traditional Chinese drink                                 | 105 World capital that's home to Noi Bai International Airport | 118 D.C. pro                                  |
|  | 87 Anointment  | 106 Horror film locale, in brief                               | 119 "Of course!"                              |
|  | 88 Perspective, in brief                                     |  | 121 They're checked at check-ins              |

### SUDOKU

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



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### JUMBLE

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

LNHICC  
GEEANG  
SNIPTL  
SANIRI  
SLUUEF  
POSOEP

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

PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

### LOS ANGELES TIMES SUNDAY CROSSWORD

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**"OUTER LIMITS"**  
By PAUL COULTER

**ACROSS**

- 1 Include so other recipients don't know, briefly
- 4 California neighbor, familiarly
- 8 Bulk
- 12 Gloomy
- 18 Pleased sigh
- 19 Genesis victim
- 20 Train
- 21 Painful
- 22 It's "gravy" to some Italian Americans
- 25 Tropical vines
- 26 Frau's partner
- 27 Hit one in the trees, maybe
- 28 Off course
- 30 Bunch of bills
- 32 Somme soul
- 33 Gothic architecture feature
- 36 Tender spots
- 39 Preserved, in a way
- 41 "Melrose Place" complex
- 44 Derelict
- 46 Fine, lightweight cloth
- 47 Obamacare, for short
- 48 Venus, at times
- 52 With passion
- 55 Mao's successor
- 56 Cartoonist Peter
- 57 AOL alternative
- 60 Events with bulls and barrels
- 61 Like desert climates, comparatively
- 62 Stern with a bow
- 64 Bit of statuary
- 65 Like some pkgs.
- 68 Real estate listing datum
- 71 D.C. bigwig
- 72 Classical name of Troy
- 74 Fool
- 75 Fervently wishes
- 76 "For honest men and bonie \_\_\_": Burns
- 78 Star Wars initials
- 79 Bar mitzvah staple
- 80 Wells race
- 84 Tropical Chinese tree
- 85 Grade school presentation
- 88 "I'll take what I can get," in classifieds

**DOWN**

- 1 Big blowout
- 2 Superhero garb
- 3 Dickens' Mrs. Dilber and Andy Capp's wife Flo
- 4 "Phooey!"
- 5 Fins in registers
- 6 Long-distance traveler's concern
- 7 Nissan sedan
- 8 Caps, e.g.
- 9 Evian water
- 10 TV monitor
- 11 Mont Blanc's range
- 12 Artist who created fashion designs for Schiaparelli
- 13 Most frigid
- 14 Hebrew hello ... and goodbye
- 15 Some Vulcans, via melds
- 16 Gasteyer of "Mean Girls"
- 17 NFLers near centers
- 20 "The Waste Land" monogram
- 23 Sampling the smorgasbord
- 24 "Happy birthday" writer, perhaps
- 29 Accomplishment
- 31 First name in early TV
- 34 Tiny queen
- 35 Ling of "The Crow"
- 37 Put inside
- 38 Remains awhile
- 39 One of the Weasley twins
- 40 Dream, in Dijon
- 42 Corporate alias abbr.
- 43 Back
- 45 Gobble (up)
- 49 Dirty money
- 50 Bad locks
- 51 Like the zone between two tropics
- 53 Many are mailed in
- 54 Altar avowal
- 57 No \_\_\_: menu notice
- 58 Plato's "tenth Muse"
- 59 Thin
- 61 Beneficiary
- 62 Publicity, slangily
- 63 "Goodies" singer
- 65 Resting places in cases
- 66 Magazine with a lagomorph logo
- 67 Rudeness
- 69 Here, to Henri
- 70 Printers' primary colors
- 73 \_\_\_Kosh B'gosh
- 77 Cabinet mem.
- 80 Ancient region of central Italy
- 81 When tripled, the weather outside is frightful
- 82 Lena of "Chocolat"
- 83 Martinique et Guadeloupe
- 85 Mariner's measures
- 86 Experienced, as fun
- 87 Quad building
- 89 Word after a drop
- 91 Responsive to treatment
- 92 "Westworld" ailer
- 93 "Malcolm X" (1992) director
- 96 Feudal lords
- 97 Lacks the courage to
- 98 She, in Italy
- 99 Old-fashioned warning
- 100 Stick in one's craw
- 107 Contractors' figs.
- 109 Network with regular pledge drives
- 110 Little newts
- 112 "Laugh-In" segment
- 113 Munch Museum city
- 114 Convened
- 115 Leb. neighbor
- 117 Put on TV
- 118 NY airport named for a mayor
- 119 "Go team!"

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### Daily Bridge Club

## Choosing a trump suit

By FRANK STEWART  
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"My partner threw me a curveball in the auction," a club player told me. "He opened one diamond, and I bid one heart. I know what a jump to three diamonds by him would have meant — about 16 points and six good diamonds — but he rebid four diamonds. Was that stronger than three?"

"It's a rare bid," I replied. "It promises good heart support and long, strong diamonds."

"I wasn't sure," he said, "but I cue-bid five clubs. When I bid six diamonds next, partner passed."

"Did he make six diamonds?"

"No," my friend sighed. "The opening lead was a club, and partner took the ace and threw his spade loser. He drew trumps and led the ace and a low heart toward his queen. West got two hearts. It was a shame because we reached the right contract. Six hearts surely would have failed."

Choosing the best trump suit can tax even expert pairs. A 4-4 fit can provide an extra trick or two by ruffing in either hand, but if you have another source of tricks and don't need the ruffing tricks that a 4-4 fit may provide, playing at a 5-3 or 6-2 fit — or at a 7-3 fit — can be safer.

South can make six diamonds. He plays low from dummy on the first club, ruffs in his hand and takes the ace of trumps. When East-West

follow, South leads a heart to the ace. He discards hearts on the A-K of clubs and concedes a heart.

South can win a spade shift with his ace, lead a trump to dummy and ruff a heart. He gets back with a trump and discards his spade loser on the good heart.

South dealer  
N-S vulnerable

#### NORTH

- ♠ J 6 2
- ♥ A 7 4 3
- ♦ J 10 6
- ♣ A K 2

#### WEST

- ♠ Q 9 8 7
- ♥ K J 8
- ♦ 3
- ♣ J 10 9 7 4

#### EAST

- ♠ K 5 4 3
- ♥ 10 9
- ♦ 8 2
- ♣ Q 8 6 5 3

#### SOUTH

- ♠ A 10
- ♥ Q 6 5 2
- ♦ A K Q 9 7 5 4
- ♣ None

- |       |      |       |          |
|-------|------|-------|----------|
| South | West | North | East     |
| 1♦    | Pass | 1♥    | Pass     |
| 4♠    | Pass | 5♣    | Pass     |
| 5♠    | Pass | 6♦    | All Pass |

Opening lead — ♣ J