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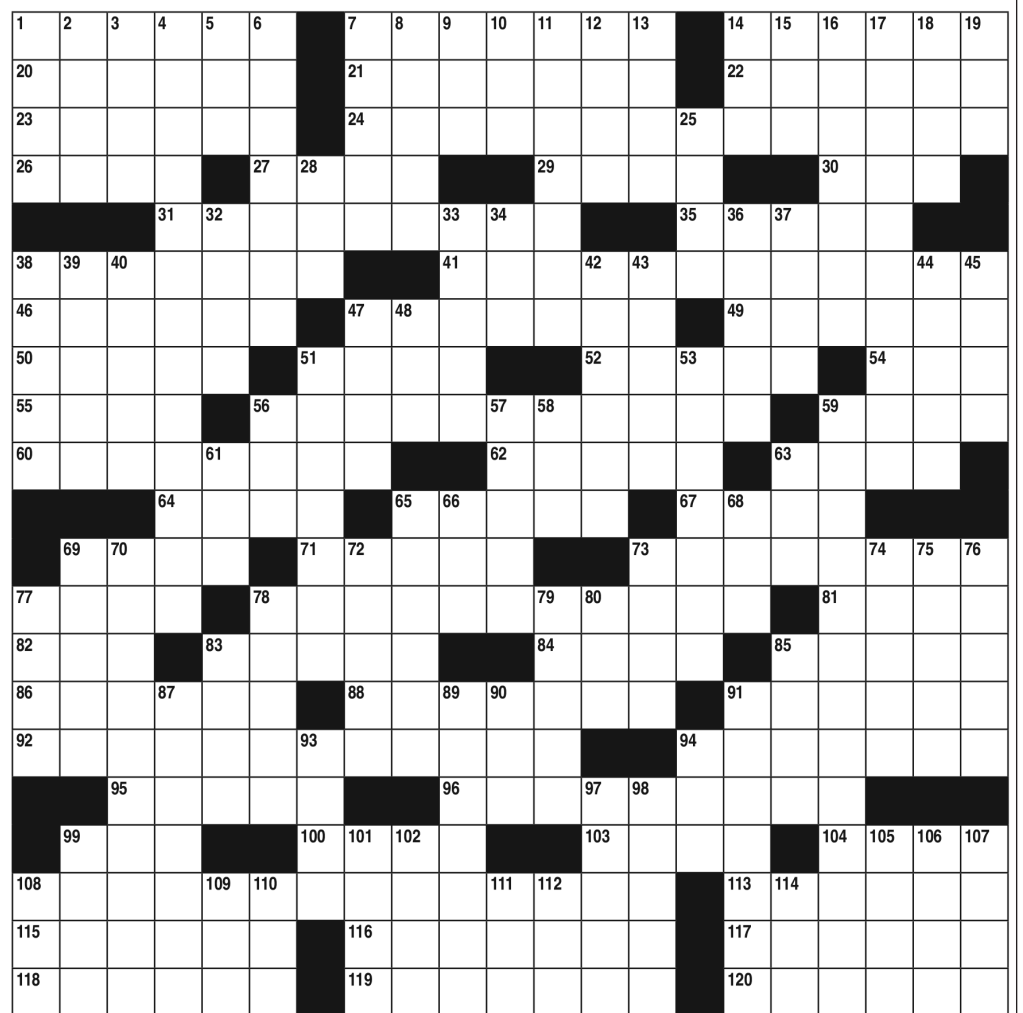
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Brad Wiegmann is a national security lawyer for the Department of Justice in Washington. About a year and a half ago, while solving some crosswords during a vacation, he wondered aloud if he could make one himself. It took several tries, but ... voilà! You'll want to put on your silly-puns hat before you begin. — W.S.

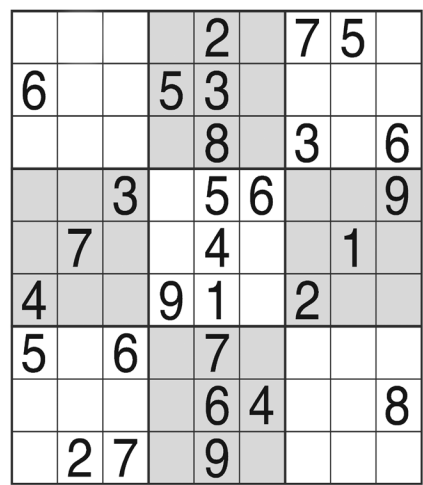
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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Man who had all the answers? | 1 Travel expense |
| 7 Some baggage | 2 Largest South American bird |
| 14 Fillet, say | 3 A quarter of vier |
| 20 William Howard Taft or William McKinley | 4 Where the nudist-club orchestra plays its concerts? |
| 21 "It's just me" | 5 Graze |
| 22 First-aid item for allergy sufferers | 6 Site of the Minotaur's Labyrinth |
| 23 Shared with, for a while | 7 Feelings in the room, informally |
| 24 Leadership style of the nudist-club president? | 8 Build up |
| 26 Like a senior year | 9 Choreographer Lubovitch |
| 27 Dates | 10 Mont-Saint-Michel, e.g. |
| 29 Steamboat Springs alternative | 11 Not in debt |
| 30 Pint-size | 12 One-named Irish singer |
| 31 Like Ahab's pursuit of Moby Dick | 13 Final Four game, e.g. |
| 35 Winter driving hazard | 14 Thieves' hide-out |
| 38 Ascribe to, as fault | |
| 41 When the nudist club was founded? | |
| 46 They hit the sauce a lot | |
| 47 "There's another good point" | |
| 49 "Hold on!" | |
| 50 Home to the world's three highest capital cities | |
| 51 Nicolas who directed "The Man Who Fell to Earth" | |
| 52 Puffs | |
| 54 Graduation wear for a University of Hawaii student | |
| | 15 Cleanup grp. |
| | 16 Conference with five University of California schools |
| | 17 '60s TV kid |
| | 18 Child, in Chile |
| | 19 Part of the U.K.: Abbr. |
| | 25 "What's more ..." |
| | 28 Poetry night? |
| | 32 Humbugs? |
| | 33 A negative has a reverse one |
| | 34 Acid container |
| | 36 Joneses |
| | 37 Baseball Hall-of-Famer Slaughter |
| | 38 Element of Freddy Krueger's glove |
| | 39 Hawaiian house feature |
| | 40 Recipe direction |
| | 42 "Hey, man!" |
| | 43 Balrog's home in "The Lord of the Rings" |
| | 44 Techies and Trekkies, stereotypically |
| | 45 Elevator innovator |
| | 47 You might skip it if you're in trouble |
| | 48 Self starter? |
| | 51 L.G.B.T. symbol |
| | 53 Statistic in football or basketball |
| | 56 Kylo ____, "Star Wars" villain |
| | 57 Signed i.o.u.'s |
| | 58 Published |
| | 59 Victory in the annual nudist-club 1K? |
| | 61 Face card's value in blackjack |
| | 63 Supporting |
| | 65 Question that introduces doubt |
| | 66 Muscle above an ab |
| | 68 "____ So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" (hymn) |
| | 69 Big name in windshield wipers |
| | 70 Need for a jailbreak |
| | 72 Nellie's love in "South Pacific" |
| | 73 Behaves badly |
| | 74 Many a goody, they say |
| | 75 Fighter's fake |
| | 76 Releases |
| | 77 The lake in "lake effect" snow |
| | 78 Whale constellation |
| | 79 Not as unruly |
| | 80 Small inlet |
| | 83 Vanderpump of Bravo's "Vanderpump Rules" |
| | 85 Privy to |
| | 87 Tenor Andrea |
| | 89 In relation to |
| | 90 Punk cousin |
| | 91 Supercilious sort |
| | 93 Syngman ____, first South Korean president |
| | 94 Sin's counterpart |
| | 97 First name on the Supreme Court |
| | 98 Like babies' legs, often |
| | 99 Thermostat setting |
| | 101 Permanent marker? |
| | 102 High-tailed it |
| | 105 Minimal effort |
| | 106 Neural transmitter |
| | 107 Common prescription item |
| | 108 In shape |
| | 109 Dark side |
| | 110 Criticize constantly, with "on" |
| | 111 Is, in ancient Rome |
| | 112 Divest |
| | 114 Many a golden-parachute recipient, in brief |



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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.

FHYIST
 VINTIE
 GRAULF
 VEDUTO
 PETAUB
 COSOHH

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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"PI DAY" By JEFFREY WECHSLER

ACROSS

- 1 Yellow smoothie fruit
- 7 Chick's sound
- 11 Turin-based automaker
- 15 One going through an eyelet
- 19 Anthology compiler
- 20 Loud sound
- 21 For the most part
- 23 Squeal on
- 24 Shrimp dish ordered online?
- 26 Equestrian action
- 28 Sticks in a parlor
- 29 Gulf of California state
- 30 Simile words
- 31 Divert
- 33 Mumbai apparel
- 34 Not someone you'd want in the cockpit?
- 39 NYSE events
- 43 Effect, as a law
- 44 In its current condition
- 45 Candidate's concern after the latest poll?
- 51 Lows
- 53 Complete
- 55 French region associated with an egg dish
- 56 Decorates tees
- 58 Hurl insults (at)
- 60 Ricoh rival
- 61 Retired jet
- 62 Fertile
- 65 Hit with a water balloon, say
- 67 Restaurant kitchen array
- 68 Hook during a typically slow period?
- 72 Russian milk drink
- 75 Driver's target
- 76 Punctilious to the extreme
- 77 Shakespearean "Shake a leg!"
- 80 Online exchange
- 81 Carouse
- 83 Temporary stay
- 86 Toledo is on it
- 89 Ukase
- 92 Defensive castle feature
- 93 Physician for longshoremen?
- 95 National symbol
- 97 See 96-Down
- 98 Bawl

DOWN

- 2 Month after Shevat
- 3 Filled food truck buy
- 4 Very much
- 5 "Take a shot at it"
- 6 Con __
- 7 Puritan
- 8 Very long time
- 9 Celebrate an anniversary, say, with "out"
- 10 Like veggies in platters
- 11 Marker choice
- 12 Supermodel
- 13 FBI figure
- 14 Hardy title
- 15 CNN medical analyst Wen
- 16 Protective suit
- 17 Blue Grotto isle
- 18 Sewing machine inventor Howe
- 22 Army sgts., e.g.
- 25 Flee
- 27 Valley known for viticulture
- 31 Small opening
- 32 Talk show VIPs
- 34 HVAC system openings
- 35 Nin of literature
- 36 Officer trainee
- 37 Etching supply
- 38 Terre Haute sch.
- 40 Enters en masse
- 41 Tokyo-born peace activist
- 42 Newton honorific
- 45 Betelgeuse's constellation
- 46 Negative afterthought
- 47 Unworldly
- 48 Water container?
- 49 Aware of
- 50 Bank conveniences
- 52 Word with interest
- 54 Gave money for
- 57 Figure (out)
- 59 Part of a moth's life cycle
- 63 Hide words before
- 64 March __
- 66 Significant times
- 68 NFL Titan, when in Houston
- 69 Let go
- 70 Break, as ties
- 71 Very much done after a forest
- 72 Growth in a wet forest
- 73 Actor Morales
- 74 Expert's discovery
- 77 Impresario Sol
- 78 Goddess of peace
- 79 Shift key neighbor
- 82 Elevates
- 84 Give fresh energy to
- 85 Nabisco brand
- 87 Noisy disturbance
- 88 Bar supply
- 90 Game that might end in a library
- 91 Dance genre
- 94 Murkiness
- 96 With 97-Across, words before "good reason"
- 99 Free thing to try
- 100 Something done after a meal
- 101 Pioneering decal brand
- 102 Orchestral pair, at a minimum
- 103 Enjoys an elegant meal
- 104 Skillful
- 105 Drill bit
- 107 __ stop
- 110 Chase, as flies
- 111 Exercise activity
- 112 Bali products
- 113 Medical breakthrough
- 114 Et __; and others
- 115 Transmit calculation
- 116 Avant-garde
- 118 Touchdown hr.
- 119 Holm of "The Hobbit"
- 120 Punk subgenre

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Daily Bridge Club

Bidding gadgetry

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"My wife likes bidding gadgets," a player at my club told me. "Goodness knows there are enough of them for her to try. She wanted to play transfer responses to INT. Of course, I am the man of my house, so ... we're playing transfer responses to INT."

My friend showed me today's deal from a duplicate.

"When I opened INT," he said, "my wife transferred to spades with a two-heart response. My understanding is that I should jump to three spades with my hand — as a 'super-accept' to show a great hand for spades.

"My wife raised to four spades, and West led a low club. I took my ace, drew trumps and led a diamond from dummy to my ten. West won and shifted to the jack of hearts: deuce, ten, ace. When I led the ace and a third diamond next, West won and led another heart, and East took two hearts for down one.

"My wife wasn't happy. She said she might have bid 3NT, where we had nine top tricks. What's your opinion of our bidding?"

I tend to use "super-accepts" sparingly, but South's hand called for one. Bidding 3NT with the North hand would have been asking quite a lot, but South could have made four spades. He must refuse the first club. If East returns a club, South takes the ace, pitching a diamond from

dummy. He draws trumps with the A-K, takes the ace of diamonds and concedes a diamond. If West then leads a heart, South takes the ace and ruffs a diamond in dummy. He can return to his hand with a high trump and discard a heart from dummy on the 13th diamond. He loses one club, one diamond and one heart.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
 ♠ A 10 9 8 7 4
 ♥ Q 7 2
 ♦ 7 6 2
 ♣ 4

WEST
 ♠ J 2
 ♥ J 5 4
 ♦ K Q 9
 ♣ Q 10 8 3 2

EAST
 ♠ 3
 ♥ K 10 9 8
 ♦ J 8 3
 ♣ K J 9 7 5

SOUTH
 ♠ K Q 6 5
 ♥ A 6 3
 ♦ A 10 5 4
 ♣ A 6

South 1 NT West Pass North 2♥ East Pass
 3♠ Pass Pass 4♠ All Pass

Opening lead — ♣ 3