

SUNDAY PUZZLES

SOLUTIONS ON C7

THE NEW YORK TIMES CROSSWORD

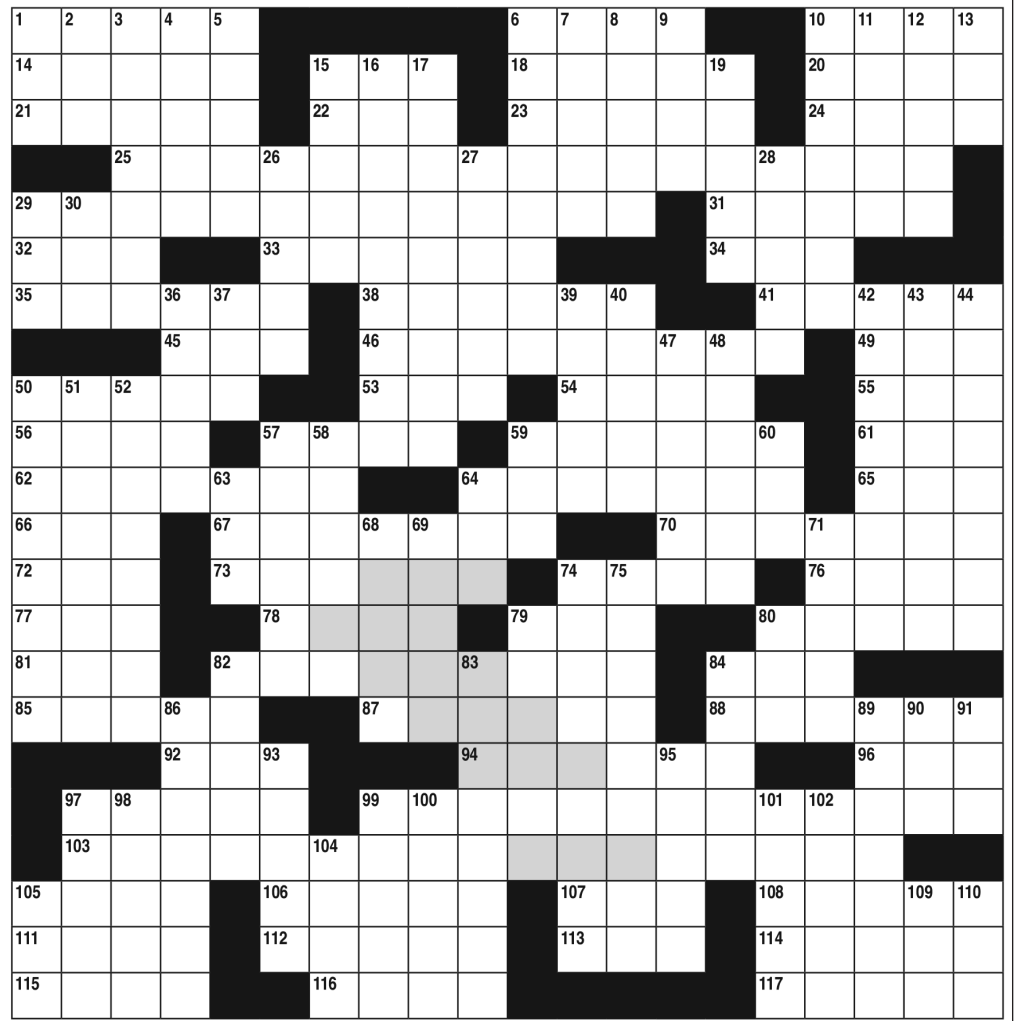
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Johan Vass is a restaurant worker in Stockholm, Sweden. Though he has never been to the United States, he has been solving American crosswords for many years. He says his personal best times for New York Times puzzles range from 3:21 on a Monday to 10:36 on a Sunday. Somewhere along the way he started constructing crosswords in English — which is quite a challenge for someone coming from another language and culture. Johan says this one took him two months to make. I'm honestly in awe. — W.S.

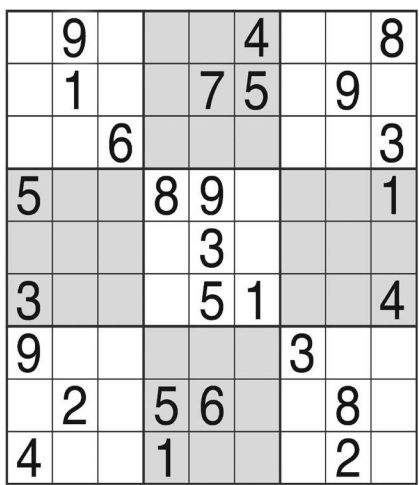
- ACROSS**
- 1 Not express, in a way
 - 6 Second person in the Bible
 - 10 One of the Blues Brothers
 - 14 "History of the World, ___" (Mel Brooks film that doesn't actually have a sequel)
 - 15 Grp. with Bills and Chargers
 - 18 Bridal adornment at Indian weddings
 - 20 Buckets
 - 21 Goggle
 - 22 Bird that went the way of the dodo (before the dodo)
 - 23 Mr. ___, scheming socialite in "Emma"
 - 24 See 105-Across
 - 25 Popular action film franchise ... or what trying to find the item in this puzzle can be described as
 - 29 "There's no use" ... like trying to find the item in this puzzle?
 - 31 "The ___ Holmes Mysteries," young adult series made into a 2020 film
 - 32 Hosp. procedure
 - 33 Keys
 - 34 Architect Maya
 - 35 Foreign correspondent, maybe
- DOWN**
- 38 1976 greatest hits album with a palindromic title
 - 41 Site of Hercules' first labor
 - 45 What's-___-name
 - 46 Experimental offshoot of punk
 - 49 Echidna's prey
 - 50 Service with nearly two billion users
 - 53 ___ reaction
 - 54 Deep cut
 - 55 Liquor store requests
 - 56 Frees (of)
 - 57 Quiet summons
 - 59 Greases
 - 61 What's at the center of some court battles?
 - 62 City of Angels
 - 64 Danger for an exterminator
 - 65 Scratch the surface of
 - 66 Certain customizable computer game character
 - 67 Kick starter?
 - 70 America of "Ugly Betty"
 - 72 [Batman punches a bad guy]
 - 73 Onetime name for China
 - 74 They have big mouths
 - 76 Over
 - 77 More than umbrage
 - 78 Two-wheeled carriage
 - 79 "Anchorman" anchorman
 - 80 Simple earrings
 - 81 Duck Hunt console, for short
 - 82 Walking with flair
 - 84 Odd article of clothing to wear with a tank top
 - 85 Reached
 - 87 Man's name that anagrams to HYENAS
 - 88 Did a Don Corleone impression, maybe
 - 92 Consonantless "yes"
 - 94 Actress Atwell of the "Avengers" movies
 - 96 Product whose sizes have letters
 - 97 Clickable images
 - 99 "As you can imagine ..."
 - 103 Item hidden somewhere in this puzzle (where is it?)
 - 105 With 24-Across, Emmy winner for "Once and Again"
 - 106 Writer Horatio
 - 107 Word before an explanation
 - 108 Boxer Ali
 - 111 Bookmarked things
 - 112 Vowelless "yes"
 - 113 Personal datum: Abbr.
 - 114 Long-gone
 - 115 Site that competes with Amazon Handmade
 - 116 Affliction also known as a hordeolum
 - 117 Mean
- DOWN**
- 1 Collectible records
 - 2 ___ milk
 - 3 Packs tightly
 - 4 Areas in many malls
 - 5 Eldest of the von Trapp children
 - 6 Mnemosyne's daughters
 - 7 Benefits
 - 8 En pointe, in ballet
 - 9 Pizza chain since 1943, familiarly
 - 10 Weapon for Samson against the Philistines
 - 11 Whatsoever
 - 12 "North" or "South" land
 - 13 Undoing
 - 15 Faulty
 - 16 Subway fare
 - 17 Impact equally in the opposite direction
 - 19 Actor Elgort of "The Fault in Our Stars"
 - 26 Taints
 - 27 Sheepish response to "Where did the last cookie go?"
 - 28 How checks are written
 - 29 Hellion
 - 30 "Boyz n the Hood" protagonist
 - 36 Run an online scam
 - 37 Feel rotten
 - 39 Bona fide
 - 40 Big brush maker
 - 42 Starting point on a computer
 - 43 Won over
 - 44 See 50-Down
 - 47 Become rigid and inflexible
 - 48 Slides
 - 50 With 44-Down, making futile attempts ... and an extra hint to this puzzle's theme
 - 51 Small black-and-white treat
 - 52 Batman portrayer on '60s TV
 - 57 Google Photos precursor
 - 58 Workers in forges
 - 59 Murder weapon in "The Talented Mr. Ripley"
 - 60 What "/" may mean
 - 63 Key used to get out, but not in
 - 64 Man's name that means "king"
 - 68 Palindromic leaders
 - 69 Doctor's order
 - 71 They may be fixed
 - 74 Highland beauty
 - 75 The titular bad guy in "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly"
 - 79 Capital of Saudi Arabia
 - 80 Singer with the 2016 platinum album "This Is Acting"
 - 82 In good shape
 - 83 "Know what I'm talkin' about?"
 - 84 Secret rendezvous
 - 86 Like child's play
 - 89 Block where Sesame Street can be found?
 - 90 Notable period
 - 91 It's constantly breaking around the world
 - 93 "The straight path"
 - 95 German steel city
 - 97 Like neon
 - 98 Bar rooms?
 - 99 It never occurs above the Arctic Circle during the summer solstice
 - 100 One may be sworn
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 - 102 Seat of Florida's Marion County
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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.

EUSNNE
DHDNIE
CREEON
BNOOGL
WASRPL
PAAPER

PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW



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"SUCCESS STORIES" By PAUL COULTER

ACROSS

- 1 Nutty green sauce
- 6 Balance scale pair
- 10 Blockheads
- 14 Brazilian music genre
- 19 Church part
- 20 Create a diversion for, maybe
- 21 Connive
- 22 Egg producer
- 23 Triumph in the schoolroom?
- 26 Black tea variety
- 27 Flier in the wind
- 28 Herbal tea
- 29 Spill the beans
- 31 British stables
- 32 She, in Siena
- 34 Noses out
- 36 Crusty ocean growth
- 38 Triumph at a hockey arena?
- 41 Dr.'s order?
- 43 Hit a few pubs
- 46 "Aladdin" prince
- 47 Commercial suffix with wheat
- 48 Figureheads may be seen on them
- 50 Legal encumbrances
- 51 Edison rival
- 53 Like some relations
- 57 Order including whales and dolphins
- 59 Words to live by
- 60 Triumph in a bakery?
- 62 Final: Abbr.
- 63 Alliance acronym
- 64 Catalog
- 65 GPS suggestions
- 66 "American Dad!" channel
- 67 Digression
- 71 Got it right, luckily
- 74 Rural turnaround
- 77 Drummer Ulrich
- 78 Take a chance
- 79 Some from France
- 83 Prefix for the birds
- 84 Triumph on drums?
- 88 Corrupt
- 89 Words that can be generous yet uncompromising
- 91 One making a big withdrawal?
- 92 "Ragged Dick" author

DOWN

- 14 Absorb, with "up"
- 15 Prayer set to music by Schubert and Gounod
- 16 Triumph at a salon?
- 17 Sweat spot
- 18 Roll call calls
- 24 Many a Mormon
- 25 Average mark
- 30 Chocolate ___
- 33 Cook, as clams
- 35 Connor of "Terminator" films
- 37 White lap dog
- 38 "Paradise Lost" figure
- 39 Singer/songwriter ___
- 40 How Phileas Fogg traveled
- 42 Infiltrator
- 44 Deli counter qty.
- 45 HS exams
- 48 "Moneyball" co-star
- 49 Beats it
- 52 Haul from a job
- 54 Least healthy-looking
- 55 Analogous
- 56 Road ___
- 58 Barely gets, with "out"
- 61 Doctrines to live by
- 68 Some rats
- 69 Scot's nots
- 70 Fireplace piece
- 71 London lockup
- 72 Language of Lahore
- 73 Word with control or purpose
- 74 River nymph
- 75 Hometown of St. Teresa
- 76 Triumph at the winery?
- 78 Like New York's Chrysler Building
- 80 '80s-'90s Harry Anderson sitcom
- 81 Año starter
- 82 Throat condition
- 85 2010 sci-fi sequel subtitled "Legacy"
- 86 Salon coloring
- 87 12-time NFL Pro Bowler Junior
- 88 Tuesday dish?
- 90 Tightening device
- 95 Colorful marble
- 97 Eyeball-bending display
- 100 Nice turnaround?
- 102 Barnum attraction
- 103 Cores
- 104 E-flat equivalent
- 105 Meditative music genre
- 107 Continued violently, as a storm
- 109 "Bad idea"
- 111 Nukes
- 112 "Don't worry about me"
- 114 Trac II cousin
- 116 Ballpark figs.
- 118 S-shaped molding
- 119 "... Gotta Have It": Spike Lee film
- 121 Masthead contents, briefly
- 123 Gymnast's goal
- 124 Speedy escape

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Daily Bridge Club

Crayons needed

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I was reading a magazine in the club lounge when a penny-game kbitzer came in, shaking his head. "Grapefruit's in rare form," he said. "He just announced that his partner needs a speed bump between his brain and his mouth."

Grapefruit, our member with a mood like an untipped waiter, badgers his partners relentlessly. He was today's East. When South passed North's raise to two spades, West balanced with a second double, then competed to four diamonds. South succumbed and bid four spades when he had been willing to stop at two!

West led the king of clubs: six, deuce, four. He shifted to the queen of diamonds, and South took the ace, drew trumps with the king and ace, ruffed dummy's last diamond and led the jack of clubs. West took his ace ... and cashed the ace of hearts. South won the next heart, got to dummy with the nine of trumps and threw two hearts on the Q-10 of clubs. Making four, and Grapefruit went wild.

"Partner, you're about as smart as a bucket of bait. You push them into game, then let them make it."

"I had to try for heart tricks," West protested. "Dummy had two good clubs for discards."

"I don't have the time or the crayons to explain it to you," Grapefruit sneered.

West must remember to count. South has six trump tricks, a diamond and two clubs. He can't win 10 tricks without a heart trick, so West need not panic and break the hearts. If West exits with a third club when he takes the ace, South loses two hearts.

South dealer
Neither side vulnerable

NORTH
♠ A 9 6
♥ 10 7 4 3
♦ 6 5
♣ Q 10 7 6

WEST
♠ J 5
♥ A J 5
♦ Q J 9 8 7
♣ A K 8

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

SOUTH
♠ K Q 10 7 3 2
♥ K 9 8 2
♦ A
♣ J 4

South West North East
1 ♠ Dbl 2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠
3 ♠ 4 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ (!) All Pass

Opening lead — ♣ K

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