

SUNDAY PUZZLES

SOLUTIONS ON C8

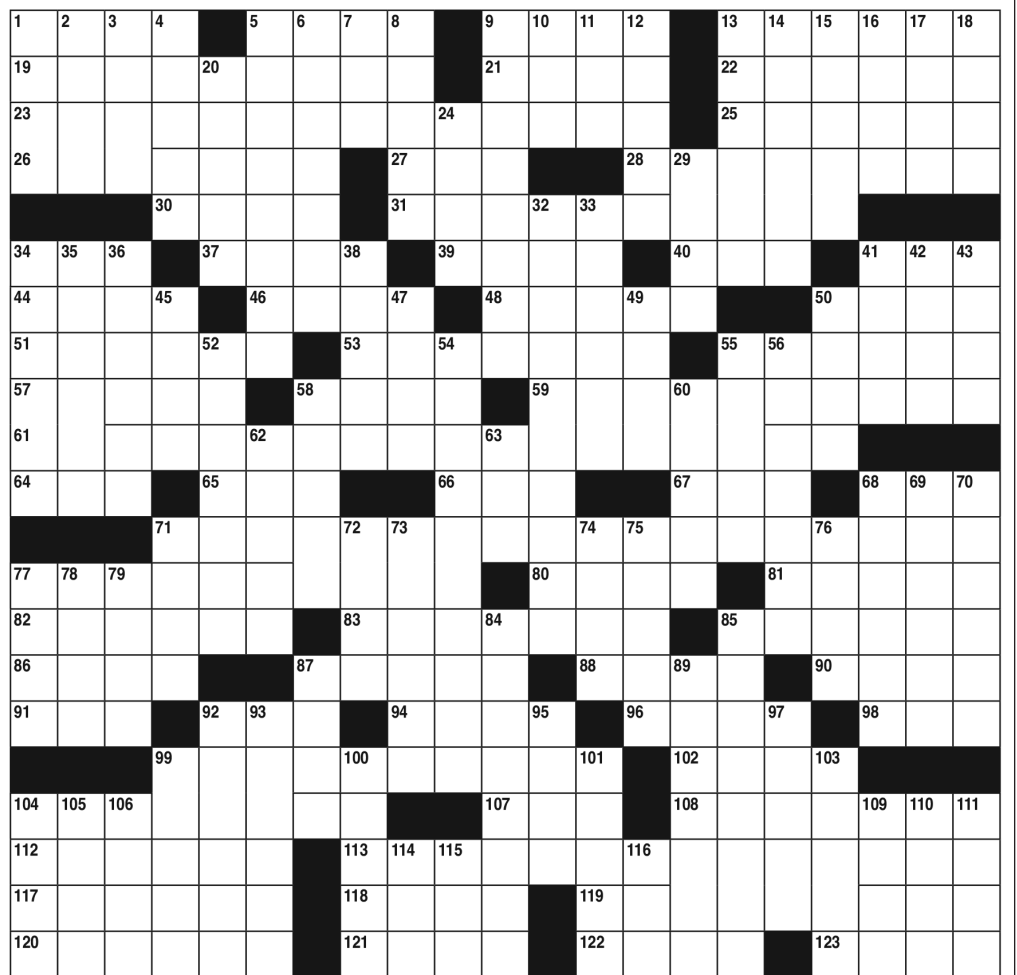
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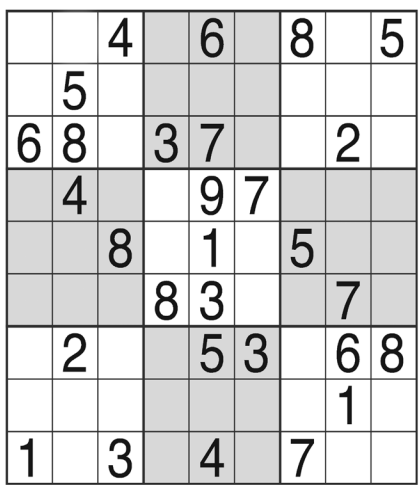
- ACROSS**
- 1 Muhammad Ali’s “Me! Whee!” e.g.
 - 5 “S.N.L.” alum Hartman
 - 9 Start off on the wrong foot, maybe?
 - 13 Contaminate
 - 19 What may be in a star’s orbit
 - 21 Throw with power
 - 22 Alleviate
 - 23 Sheep’s milk product that’s often grated
 - 25 Classic name for the land north of England
 - 26 Course taken in shorts, often
 - 27 “Ya don’t say!”
 - 28 765-foot-long “water coaster” on Disney cruises
 - 30 Countertenor
 - 31 SWAT team or Navy SEAL group, e.g.
 - 34 Name that sounds like two letters of the alphabet
 - 37 Epitome of smoothness
 - 39 “Roots” author Haley
 - 40 Shocker, at times
 - 41 & 44 It goes around every hour
 - 46 Gaming novice, slangily
 - 48 Secured skates, with “up”
 - 50 Float component
- Online subscriptions: Today’s puzzle and more than 4,000 past puzzles, nytimes.com/crosswords (\$39.95 a year).
- 51 Act as a blueprint for, as DNA for proteins
 - 53 Brawled, in the backwoods
 - 55 “Howdy, everybody!”
 - 57 Withstand
 - 58 Fly off the shelves
 - 59 Like bread made from almond flour
 - 61 “Oh, hell yes!”
 - 64 Turn red, say
 - 65 Certain formal duds
 - 66 Nice round number?
 - 67 Bollywood megastar Aishwarya _____
 - 68 “My dear man”
 - 71 Grammy category won multiple times by Kendrick Lamar
 - 77 Racy selfie posted for likes on social media, in modern lingo
 - 80 Not a problem
 - 81 Kennel club category
 - 82 Makeup table
 - 83 “Dead serious!”
 - 85 “And, uh, that about covers it”
 - 86 Supporting role
 - 87 New students at Princeton or Yale in 1969
 - 88 There’s a famous “half” one in Yosemite National Park
 - 90 Vessel protected by Hera
 - 91 Uninteresting
 - 92 Encouraging cry
 - 94 Bottom
 - 96 Saves, with “away”
 - 98 “Ain’t dead _____!”
- DOWN**
- 1 Verve
 - 2 It’s 50/50
 - 3 “That kinda stuff”: Abbr.
 - 4 Buckaroos
 - 5 Mint
 - 6 Fictional pilot with the line “You like me because I’m a scoundrel”
 - 7 “Here _____ again”
 - 8 Milk for un café
 - 9 Onetime MTV reality series filmed near Hollywood
 - 10 Recall regretfully
 - 11 Auditing org.
 - 12 Courtroom statements
 - 13 Bone to pick
 - 14 Lighter than lite
 - 15 Word after soul or solid
 - 16 “You, too?!” playfully
 - 17 Smart
 - 18 Wood that’s resistant to warping
 - 20 Mountain chain that stretches from Kazakhstan to the Arctic
 - 24 Do a waving motion by the ocean, say
 - 29 “That proves it”
 - 32 Shade similar to verdigris
 - 33 Distinguish oneself
 - 34 Positioned to win
 - 35 Shared with for quick feedback
 - 36 Cut into
 - 38 Region with a Unification Flag for sporting events
 - 41 Pen pa?
 - 42 Just hanging out
 - 43 It really blows
 - 45 Knucklehead
 - 47 Flinch (at)
 - 49 Ending for a dean’s address
 - 50 Cable network with movies like “Sharktopus” and “Mansquito”
 - 52 Least klutzy
 - 54 Made a boo-boo
 - 55 “I won’t _____ it!”
 - 56 Pending
 - 58 Riséqué communiqué
 - 60 Ancient home to Priam’s Treasure
 - 62 Out of practice



- 63 Quick refresher
- 68 Visibly scornful
- 69 Cold that just won’t go away?
- 70 Superpopular
- 71 Goopy spread
- 72 Where gymnast Simone Biles won four golds
- 73 One-celled organism
- 74 Enter unannounced, in a way
- 75 Photog’s setting
- 76 Name of the girl on “Game of Thrones” who said “A girl has no name”
- 77 Spot between programs, e.g.
- 78 Beehive material
- 79 Annual May race, informally
- 84 One of three characters in “M*A*S*H”
- 85 Ones behind the scenes
- 87 Consider, with “on”
- 89 High-priority item
- 92 Vocalist’s asset
- 93 Directly criticized on Twitter with an “@”
- 95 Gillette razor name
- 97 Literature Nobel Bellow
- 99 Bit of faulty logic
- 100 Sandwich supposedly named after low-income New Orleans workers
- 101 Begins a triathlon
- 103 Like the clue for 103-Down?
- 104 Teased incessantly
- 105 Kind of cavity
- 106 Hard vehicle to park
- 109 Telenovela, e.g.
- 110 Some drink dispensers
- 111 Extend (out)
- 114 Org. with lots of money to waste?
- 115 Order member
- 116 “Ver-r-ry interesting!”

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.

TAUHSI
LIRLGE
LHNEIA
TAAUCL
SDORHU
FNULNE

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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“FORCING THE ISSUE” BY GARY LARSON

ACROSS

- 1 Perfume brand that sounds forbidden
- 5 Was humbled
- 12 Resulting (from)
- 19 It’s known for its bell ringers
- 20 Only one of Rolling Stone’s “500 Greatest Songs” not written in English
- 21 Like Hershey’s Kisses
- 22 Celebrity magazine employee?
- 24 Night vis-à-vis Nacht, e.g.
- 25 Possessive in a Harry Potter title
- 26 Using a lifestyle magazine to cool off?
- 29 Kind of DA
- 30 1983 Streisand title role
- 31 Uproar
- 32 Large seal hunters
- 36 “What a lousy play!”
- 39 Furry wrap
- 41 Catch in the act
- 42 Found a child-rearing magazine?
- 47 Head-turning hiss
- 49 Levine of Maroon 5
- 50 Goes too far
- 53 “Over There” songwriter
- 57 Jumble
- 58 Spanish province or its capital
- 59 Zodiac animal
- 60 Group mental condition
- 61 Firewood option ... or destiny
- 62 Former Russian space station
- 63 Tired
- 65 Removed all evidence of
- 66 Graphic for a personal well-being magazine?
- 70 Esoteric
- 73 Challenges
- 74 They may be blocked
- 75 Workmanship
- 78 Pressured, with “on”
- 79 Legend on the ice
- 80 Indian wrap
- 82 Whoop-de-do
- 83 Three-_____ engine
- 84 Writer with the most combined Oscar and Tony nominations
- 87 Showgirl in a Manilow song
- 88 Czuchry who played Cary Agos on “The Good Wife”
- 91 Closing the doors of a financial magazine?
- 93 French toast need
- 96 Turkish bread
- 99 Round-skipping edge
- 100 Newspaper essays
- 101 Gift tag word
- 103 Film that’s barely shown?
- 105 Marlon’s “Godfather” role
- 108 Shoplifting a fitness magazine?
- 111 Not bright
- 116 Split
- 117 Kiosk selling a news magazine?
- 119 Nook or Kindle
- 120 Hollywood’s Annette and Peter
- 121 Valhalla VIP
- 122 Street, in Stuttgart
- 123 Sneaky programs
- 124 Street in New York’s Chinatown

DOWN

- 1 Bedtime melody
- 2 Fuel-efficient Chevy
- 3 Loudmouth
- 4 Not culturally sensitive, for short
- 5 A’s, Jays and Rays
- 6 Records, in a way
- 7 “The Future of the Movies” co-author
- 8 Sonatas, say
- 9 Real estate ad abbr.
- 10 Symphonic wind
- 11 In a languid way
- 12 Highlight
- 13 Reindeer landing area
- 14 “Little House” series author Laura _____ Wilder
- 15 _____ Féin
- 16 Defeatist’s statement
- 17 Chad, but not Jeremy
- 18 Two-time Oscar winner Jackson
- 23 Chow line?
- 27 “Survivorman” creator Stroud
- 28 Whipped cream serving
- 32 “Becoming” memoirist Michelle
- 33 Teases
- 34 Stay over
- 35 Mail features
- 36 Swiss capital
- 37 Switch positions
- 38 Baseball’s “Little Giant”
- 40 Social companions
- 43 Neatened, as barracks
- 44 Ward off
- 45 Vintage auto
- 46 Features of many fonts
- 48 Synagogue scroll
- 51 Way to go
- 52 Jolly Roger bosun
- 54 Consumes
- 55 Newcastle Brown _____
- 56 “Game of Thrones” patriarch Stark
- 60 Gin rummy action
- 62 Twenty Questions category
- 63 “Super!”
- 64 Sushi garnish
- 66 Land in “The Hunger Games”
- 67 Hokkaido noodle
- 68 Unusual
- 69 Yankee manager Boone
- 70 “... and justice for _____”
- 71 Outdoor gear giant
- 72 Tom or tabby
- 75 Do penance
- 76 Very upset
- 77 They may be slid into ovens
- 80 Fries, e.g.
- 81 Friend in France
- 82 Sty feed
- 85 Soft toss
- 86 Subtle
- 89 Authority abusers
- 90 Bridge supports
- 92 Cow, at times
- 93 Pond dweller
- 94 “I, Claudius” author Robert
- 95 Small racing vehicle
- 97 Stick (to)
- 98 “Chandeleur” singer
- 102 Charades player
- 104 _____ salts
- 105 Fancy home
- 106 Surmise
- 107 “_____ Were the Days”
- 109 Hurricane-tracking agcy.
- 110 Jazzy Jones for _____
- 111 Team’s burden
- 112 Either H in H2O
- 113 “No Angel” singer
- 114 Release
- 115 Job for a body shop
- 118 2015 Verizon acquisition

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Daily Bridge Club

Playing safe

By FRANK STEWART
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Cy the Cynic gave me a ride to the club, and at a red light, we stopped beside a plumbing company’s van that had this information lettered on its side:

“Providing quality service since last Monday morning.”

“Rated No. 1 in town by the owner and his mother.”

And ... “If you see us driving unsafely, don’t call anybody. It makes our insurance premiums rise.”

“You have to like their style,” Cy said.

In a money game at the club, Cy was today’s South. His bid of two clubs was “new minor forcing” and asked for more information. When North showed three-card heart support, the Cynic bid four hearts.

Cy won the first spade with the ace and cashed the A-K of trumps. The queen might have fallen, but this was not Cy’s day. West discarded, and East was sure of two trump tricks. Cy led a diamond to dummy’s king successfully, but he lost a spade and a diamond and went down.

“You played it like a plumber,” I scolded.

“Unlucky,” Cy retorted.

Cy indulged in some unsafe driving and was punished. He should lead a trump to his hand at Trick Two and return a diamond to the king. If East had the ace, Cy would need to pick up the trumps and would cash the other high trump.

But when the king of diamonds wins, Cy can afford a trump loser and can adopt a safety play. He leads a trump to dummy’s jack. East wins, but Cy wins the spade return in dummy and leads a third trump to his nine. If West had Q-10-x-x in trumps, the contract would still be safe.

North dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ A K 3
♥ J 5 3
♦ K 4 3 2
♣ K 5 2

WEST
♠ Q J 10 8
♥ 6
♦ A 10 8 7
♣ 9 7 6 3

EAST
♠ 9 7 5
♥ Q 10 8 7
♦ Q J 9
♣ 10 8 4

SOUTH
♠ 6 4 2
♥ A K 9 4 2
♦ 6 5
♣ A Q J

North 1♦
East Pass
South 1♥
West Pass

North 1NT
East Pass
South 2♥
West All Pass

Opening lead — ♠ Q