

SUNDAY PUZZLES

SOLUTIONS ON C7

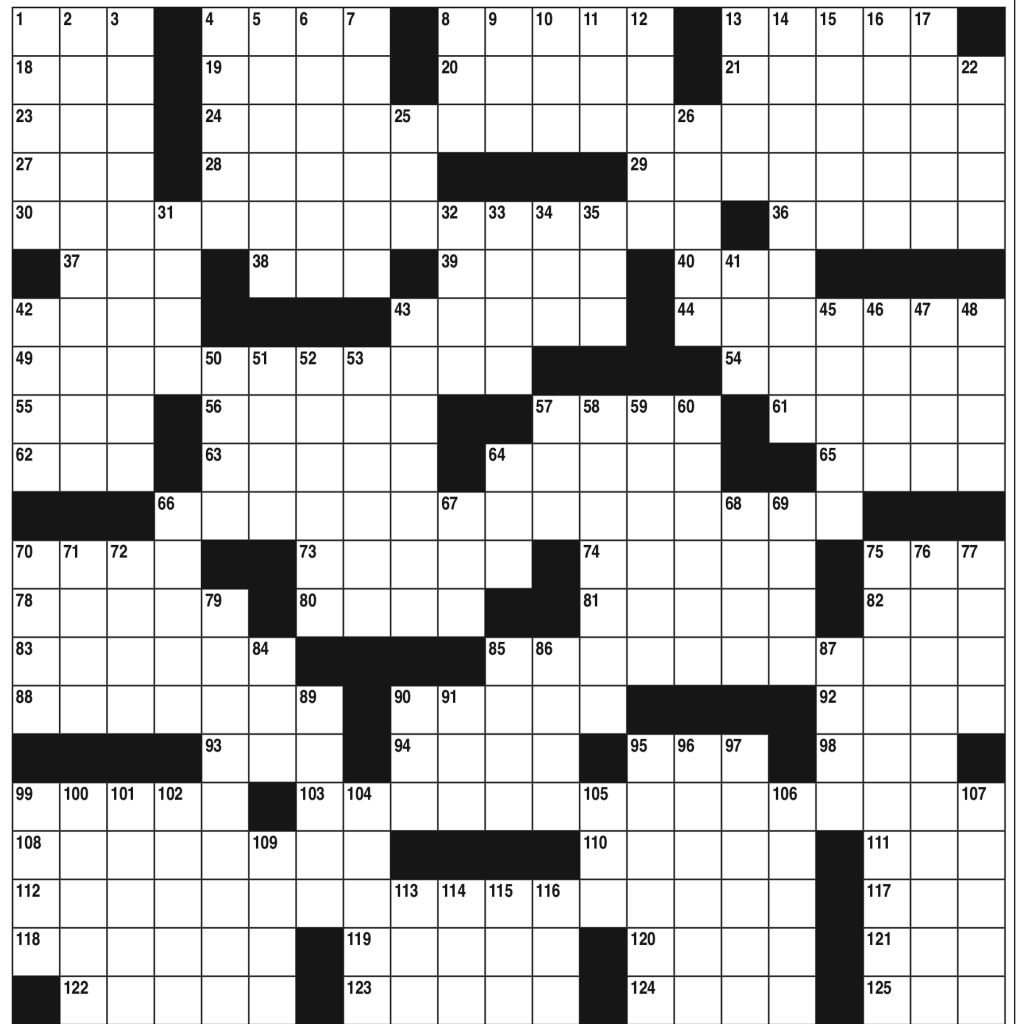
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MOTHER'S DAY CONCERT BY BRAD WIEGMANN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Brad Wiegmann is a national security lawyer for the Department of Justice in Washington. He dedicates this puzzle to his mother, "a voracious reader, talented knitter, mahjong maven and all-around supermom." He says he's never personally seen any of the musical artists named in the puzzle's theme clues, but he did once attend a 23-Across concert. Brad's last Times puzzle, "Crossword Buff," appeared in February. — W.S.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Computer file, informally
 - 4 Wound up on top?
 - 8 Feels it the next day, say
 - 13 Things served in prison
 - 18 Shout at a Greek wedding
 - 19 Country singer McKenna
 - 20 "Whoa, settle down!"
 - 21 More than half of humanity
 - 23 ___ state
 - 24 Mom's comment to her child during prenatal bonding? [Frank Sinatra, 1954]
 - 27 Hot state
 - 28 Bishop's hat
 - 29 They're used mostly on corners
 - 30 What Mom is obligated to do as her due date approaches? [The Beatles, 1969]
 - 36 "___ the deal ..."
 - 37 Yes, in Yokohama
 - 38 Bran material
 - 39 Part of a drivetrain
 - 40 The Renaissance, for one
 - 42 Team ___ (late-night host's following)
 - 43 Cancer fighter, for short
 - 44 Henley Royal ___ (annual July event)
 - 49 Mom's reaction to her first mild contractions? [John Cougar, 1982]
 - 54 Midwife's advice to Mom in the delivery room? [Salt-N-Pepa, 1987]
 - 55 Cause of wear and tear
 - 56 Wanna-bees, e.g.?
 - 57 ___ of Maine (toothpaste)
 - 61 Sport whose participants call "Pull!"
 - 62 Pet sound
 - 63 Tennis star with the highest career winning percentage in singles matches (89.97%)
 - 64 Stress test?
 - 65 "Whoa boy, settle down!"
 - 66 Mom's remark as contractions grow stronger? [The Ramones, 1978]
 - 70 Org. that delivers
 - 73 Unenthusiastic
 - 74 Went snuggling
 - 75 Vaporize, say
 - 78 Empire
 - 80 Roughly
 - 81 Be crazy about
 - 82 Sappho's "___ to Aphrodite"
 - 83 Mom's reaction as delivery draws closer? [Usher, 2012]
 - 85 Child's response to Mom's actions? [Diana Ross, 1980]
 - 88 Briskly
 - 90 Actress in eight Bond films
 - 92 Like sea horses that give birth
 - 93 Beast with a humped shoulder
 - 94 Utah ski resort
 - 95 Cable news anchor Cabrera
 - 98 Prey for a formicivorous creature
 - 99 Simple life?
 - 103 Nurse's remark after Mom delivers the first twin? [Britney Spears, 1998]
 - 108 Spanish archipelago, with "the"
 - 110 Touches
 - 111 Witty saying
 - 112 Doctor's comment after Mom delivers the second twin? [The Who, 1965]
 - 117 Director DuVernay
 - 118 Quiet
 - 119 Settle down, say
 - 120 Pacific crop
 - 121 Something you might gloss over
 - 122 Mother's Day delivery
 - 123 Apologetic remark during a breakup
 - 124 Hang it up
 - 125 Consult
 - 5 Beginning that leads to a sum?
 - 6 Singer with the 1968 hit "Think," familiarly
 - 7 Nibble
 - 8 "Oh, no!"
 - 9 X
 - 10 Drink with the flavors Poppin' Lemonade and Grabbin' Grape
 - 11 Wyoming's National ___ Refuge
 - 12 Spill clumsily
 - 13 "Bye!"
 - 14 Food-delivery route?
 - 15 Piece of equipment for a biathlete
 - 16 Oscar ___
 - 17 Bad thing to do in class
 - 22 Figure (out)
 - 25 Aesthete's interest
 - 26 Complete
 - 31 Hilarious sort
 - 32 U.S. city whose name is composed of two state abbreviations
 - 33 Struck out
 - 34 Poorly
 - 35 Toothpaste option
 - 41 Solicit sales (for)
 - 42 Fishing bait
 - 43 Keeps the beat with one's foot
 - 45 "Who ___ you?"
 - 46 Woman's name meaning "goddess"
 - 47 Relations
 - 48 J.D. holder: Abbr.
 - 50 What a shaken soda bottle will do when uncapped
 - 51 Capital of Fiji
 - 52 Not dismissive of
 - 53 Earn
- DOWN**
- 1 Kind of column
 - 2 Venue for trill seekers?
 - 3 TV reporter's entourage
 - 4 Like snails' trails
 - 58 Rule for trick-or-treaters
 - 59 Improvised
 - 60 Wind down?
 - 64 Janet Yellen's former post, with "the"
 - 66 Site of offshore banks?
 - 67 Life, briefly
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 - 71 It's broken off
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 - 76 Raw footage?
 - 77 Davidson of "S.N.L."
 - 79 Stick in the refrigerator?
 - 84 Sun follower?
 - 85 Loving
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SUDOKU

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

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

JUMBLE

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

SAYILE

NCATCE

PMATIC

MCTMIO

AYEDLR

GITRHF

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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ACROSS

- 1 Sitcom character originally called Kessler in the pilot episode
- 7 Impounds, maybe
- 15 Very silly
- 20 Charge
- 21 Asthma
- 22 Not a sparkling finish
- 23 Easy-to-hit pitch in Stockholm?
- 25 Apple tablets
- 26 Home and nickname of The University of the South
- 27 Pet ___
- 28 Touch
- 29 Anna ___, 18th-/19th-century poet called the Swan of Lichfield
- 32 1973 Judy Blume novel
- 34 Swell
- 37 Johannesburg's land: Abbr.
- 40 Precisely
- 42 Classical and Romantic
- 44 Grass bristle
- 45 Minor matter in Manchester?
- 52 Steamed state
- 53 "Just kidding!"
- 54 Shakespearean title city
- 55 Caulking materials
- 57 More than dislike
- 59 London classic, with "The"
- 61 Gung-ho
- 62 "Big Little Lies" co-star with Nicole, Shailene, Laura and Zoë
- 63 How dividends might be paid
- 66 Dustin's "Midnight Cowboy" role
- 68 Toledo's lake
- 69 ___ facto
- 72 PC storage stats
- 73 Colombian cat
- 74 Agile deer
- 75 Fuzzy fruit
- 76 Online memo
- 78 Flips, in a way
- 80 ___ Isle: Ireland nickname
- 82 Lindsay's Broadway writing partner

DOWN

- 1 Contact between two billiard balls
- 2 Investment firm
- 3 From square one
- 4 King with a gilt complex?
- 5 Web mag
- 6 Alter, in a way
- 7 "Mystic River"
- 8 Indivisible
- 9 Sound of a hit
- 10 Totally full
- 11 "Tiny Alice"
- 12 Emulate Silas Mamer
- 13 Garfield's gal pal
- 14 Fashion initials
- 15 Gallic girlfriend
- 16 Staples supply
- 17 Medal recipient in Milan?
- 18 Typical: Abbr.
- 19 Fellows
- 24 "The Return of the Native" setting
- 28 Sweat
- 30 Goes bad
- 31 Challenge
- 33 Worried state in Dublin?
- 35 Two-time Tony winner Kurtz
- 36 Menu heading
- 37 Guns
- 38 Old-time knife
- 39 Uttar Pradesh tourist city
- 41 Princess topper
- 43 Scorch
- 46 Starting place for a comeback
- 47 "Are we going ___ not?"
- 48 Strauss opera
- 49 Where St. Pete is
- 50 First actor who sang "If I Were King of the Forest"
- 51 Tick off
- 56 Byes
- 58 Brewpub bragger, often
- 60 Dance move in Dijon?
- 64 Greek marketplace
- 65 Weather forecast shorthand
- 67 "Fan-cee!"
- 69 Japanese floral art
- 70 Hook and Silver
- 71 Inferior items in Zurich?
- 77 German capital
- 78 Have the throne
- 79 Scientology founder
- 81 Religious offshoot
- 83 Prefix with fuel
- 85 Squeezes (out)
- 86 Wished undone
- 87 Sunscreen nos.
- 90 Caroling standard
- 91 ___ club
- 95 Metal-yielding minerals
- 97 Book that spanned the film "What's Love Got to Do With It"
- 100 Island administered by three countries
- 104 Play too broadly
- 106 Moth-repellent wood
- 107 Flags down
- 108 Sudden outpouring
- 110 Trick
- 111 Yippie Hoffman
- 112 Stud farm residents
- 114 Likely to be discounted
- 116 Foul mood
- 118 Posted
- 119 Blanchett of "Elizabeth"
- 120 You may get a whiff of one
- 121 Select
- 122 ___ bar
- 123 "Portlandia" network
- 124 Tax prep charge
- 125 Trippy '60s drug

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Daily Bridge Club

Trials and errors

By FRANK STEWART
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"Your honor," the district attorney announced, "we will prove that East committed a felony in that, due to negligence, he allowed South to make a vulnerable game."

"Proceed," the judge ordered, and the court kibitzed the evidence.

"North-South bid aggressively to 3NT," the DA began. "After North freely rebid two diamonds, he had nothing extra and might have passed South's 2NT. West led the four of spades: seven, king, ace. South next let the ten of diamonds ride. When East won, he returned ... the jack of spades."

"Declarer produced the queen and ran the diamonds. He was sure of nine tricks, but at the end, he took the ace of clubs and greedily finessed with his jack. East had pitched a club, so South made two overtricks. But if East shifts to a low heart at the third trick, the defense wins four hearts for down one."

"My client is innocent," East's mouthpiece roared. "To fault him for returning a spade is absurd. The winning defense required a crystal ball."

Was East guilty?
South's redouble promised at least 10 points, and if he has all the missing points, the contract is unbeatable. East can be sure that South has the queen of spades, otherwise he would have held up his ace. If South's hand

is A Q x, K x x x, 10 x, J x x x, East can't defeat 3NT. If he returns the jack of spades, South will play low, win the next spade and force out the ace of hearts to set up his ninth trick.

East erred. His only real hope is that South has the K-J of clubs and West has the king of hearts.

North dealer
Both sides vulnerable

NORTH
♥ 9 7
♦ Q 10 3
♠ A Q J 6 5 2
♣ A 10

WEST
♥ 10 8 5 4 2
♦ K 2
♠ 9 7 3
♣ 9 6 2

EAST
♥ K J 3
♦ A J 9 4
♠ K 8
♣ Q 7 5 4

SOUTH
♥ A Q 6
♦ 8 7 6 5
♠ 10 4
♣ K J 8 3

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

Opening lead — ♠ 4