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Tina Labadie lives in London, Ontario. This is her first New York Times crossword. It has one of my favorite kinds of themes — one offering many different “aha” moments. The example at 118-Across, at the bottom of the puzzle, is a little different from the others, like the kicker of a joke. As a construction fillip, every letter in the alphabet is used at least once in the completed grid. — W.S.

ACROSS
1 Homes that may have butlers
7 Singer Dylan of the Wallflowers
12 Supporting beams
18 Bear or boar
19 Bees, e.g.
21 Gleaming
22 The “C” of AMC Theatres
23 The whole package, colloquially
24 Sevastopol is its largest city
25 Not true?
27 Visitor to a website, in analytics lingo
29 “Time ____.”
30 Concedes
33 Santa ____, Calif.
34 m, to Einstein
35 B.C. neighbor: Abbr.
38 Think creatively
40 XL or 11C
42 Beer named for a founding father
45 W-2, for one
47 W.W. I helmet, informally
51 2004 Will Smith sci-fi film
52 D.S.T. starting time ... or a hint to 42-Across

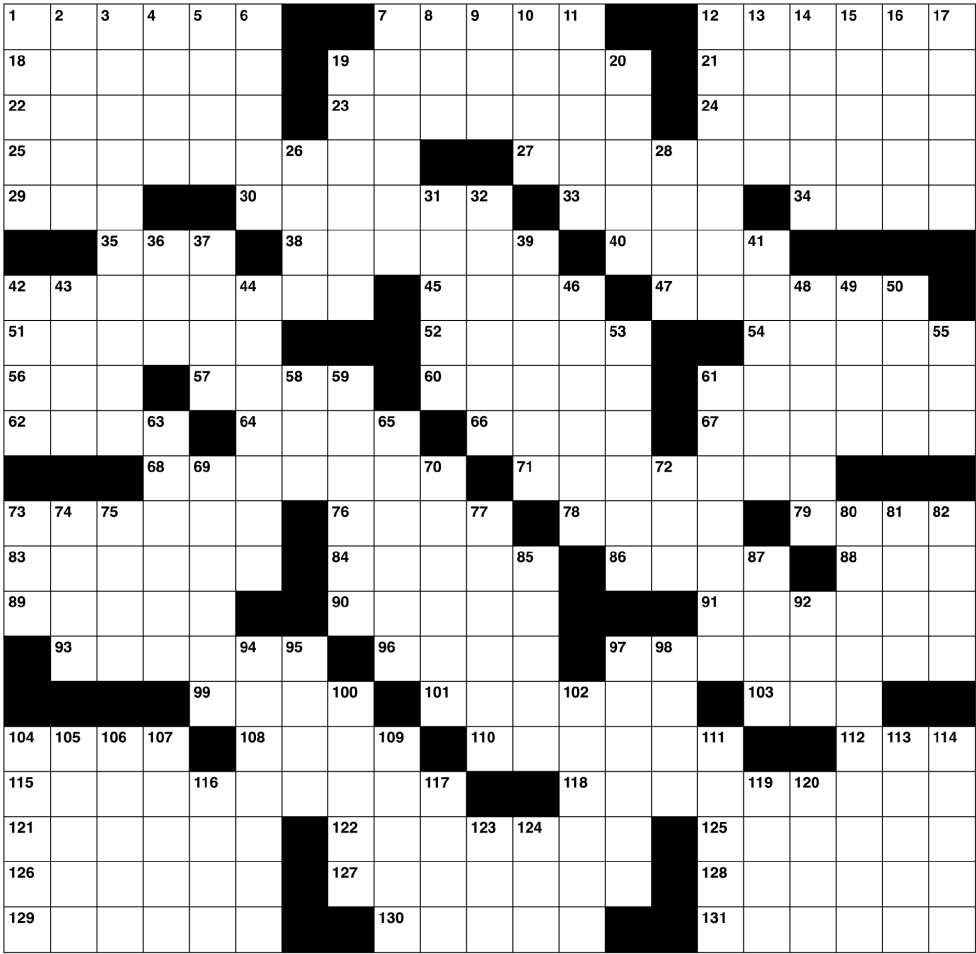
54 Weightlessness ... or a hint to 118-Across
56 ____ Compton, first woman to cover the White House for a TV network
57 Rating unit
60 Libya’s Gulf of ____
61 Reporter’s credit
62 TV tavern
64 Mimic
66 “Royal” bird
67 In
68 Top credit rating ... or a hint to 25-Across
71 23rd in a series ... or a hint to 27-Across
73 Trust in
76 Fails to be
78 Keen
79 Google ____
83 Holds in high regard
84 Old lab burners
86 Water bird with a haunting call
88 Bit of HI gear?
89 Cops ... or a hint to 115-Across
90 Club for farm kids ... or a hint to 97-Across
91 Pouch on a string
93 Game with L- and T-shaped pieces
96 Locale for a West Coast wine tour
97 Secretive
99 R.&R. settings
101 Crystal-clear
103 “O, ____ fortune’s fool!”: Romeo

104 Singer King with the 2014 hit “Ex’s & Oh’s”
108 Body feature of a mammoth
110 Holy ____
112 It might be taken to the airport
115 Spelling aid?
118 Baseball announcer’s call on a home run
121 Nigerian city of 3.5+ million
122 Set on the ground
125 “Jeopardy!” fodder
126 This evenin’
127 Video-call glitch
128 “I kid you not!”
129 Rate
130 Like the Xbox One X vis-à-vis the Xbox One
131 Makes some Z’s

DOWN
1 Colorful parrot
2 Santa ____
3 Jazz singer born Eunice Kathleen Waymon
4 Warning sign
5 Commercial follower of “-o-”
6 A-game or b-ball, e.g.
7 The “you” of the song lyric “I’m begging of you, please don’t take my man”
8 Part of the knee, for short

9 D.I.Y. buy
10 “Magnum, P.I.” setting
11 Sauvignon ____
12 Where one might turn on the jets
13 D&D monster
14 Pelvis bone
15 Gregor ____, Kafka protagonist
16 Some genealogical work
17 Pioneering mail-order company
19 Introductory courses
20 Mixes together
26 Not looking good
28 Ctrl + Q
31 First couple of the early 1910s
32 “Shut your trap!”
36 Apply with a Q-tip, say
37 Kerfuffles
39 Wore down
41 RNA polymerase, e.g.
42 Thailand, once
43 River through Tuscany
44 Reaches
46 Bone filler
48 No. 2 on a table
49 Bone-dry
50 A great deal
53 How-to go-to
55 Obtain
58 YouTube or Gmail
59 “Phew!” feeling
61 They’re filled with X’s

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63 Engraving instrument
65 Lean against
69 Whirlybird whirlers
70 Like some plants and physicals
72 Personal story, informally
73 One calling a “T”
74 Turnoff
75 Wash up
77 Certain fossil preserve
80 The art of music?

81 Vegetables that make a fitting addition to alphabet soup?
82 [Oh, well]
85 “Tsk, tsk!”
87 Classic soda brand
92 “Oh, I see!”
94 Small-screen entertainers?
95 Ibn ____ (former Mideast king)
97 Responsibility of a personnel director

98 Japanese noodle
100 Young salmon
102 Like hawks
104 Hit 1979 musical in which a character’s mistress is one of the main roles
105 University of New Mexico team
106 Bank deals
107 ____ Vedder, lead singer of Pearl Jam

109 Garden-variety
111 Some I.R.A.s
113 Licoricelike flavor
114 Rap producers make them
116 The “O’s” of Cheerios
117 Old ____, Conn.
119 Spinach is rich in it
120 El ____
123 Drop o’ the mornin’
124 Cheer to a matador

SUDOKU

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

	3		8	6	1			
2					7			
				4		6		5
	1	4					6	
3			1		4			2
	7					8	1	
7		3		1				
				3				1
			4	8	9		7	

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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JUMBLE

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

COLSIA
SECASC
GNTEUG
NAPSPY
PMRIOT
CIVOEN

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“WE’VE MOVED!”
BY SAMUEL A. DONALDSON & DOUG PETERSON

89 Headline about Condoleezza’s gaffe?
92 Princess Charlotte’s aunt
95 Sports bar fixture
96 Disney hero with a “superbark”
97 Islamic leader
101 Not a soul
103 Brainstorms
106 “Physical” singer ____ Lipa
107 Rucker’s song catalog?
111 “____ company”
113 Strike
114 Skater Midori
115 Ruin, as a garden
118 Not obtuse
119 Painting depicting angels?
123 Choir stand
124 Holding insured by the FDIC
125 Daiquiri garnishes, often

126 Bunker
127 Monopoly stack
128 Some boxers
129 Tour of duty
130 Floor

DOWN
1 Tampa Bay team
2 Four-award acronym
3 Colorful dessert
4 “____ bleu!”
5 Mexican bread
6 South African bread
7 Texter’s qualification
8 Ballpark fig.
9 Wright of “House of Cards”
10 Hoops score
11 “Paper Girls” actress Wong
12 First name in civil rights
13 Shockingly evil
14 Font line
15 Unconcerned with right and wrong

16 Errant pool shot
17 Verdi work based on a Shakespeare work
18 Balance sheet listing
24 With 49-Down, body that was once the world’s fourth-largest lake
25 West end?
30 Checked out for a job?
32 Jakarta’s island
33 Has a life?
34 Mariano who leads the MLB in career saves
35 Apple Store offerings
36 Tennis icon
37 Actor Schreiber
78 Nails the exam
79 H+, e.g.
82 Pie chart no.
84 One who plays well with others
85 Real doozy
86 “¿Cómo ____ usted?”

51 Zoe’s partner in fashion
53 “Feel What U Feel” Grammy winner
54 Little rascals
55 Usher’s offering
56 Port opening?
59 Coal formation
62 Sandbox player
63 “Beg pardon”
65 “How’s it goin’?”
66 Disco era term
67 “Shoo!”
68 Detest
69 Director Kazan
74 The Miners of the NCAA
75 “For a great nose indicates a great man” speaker
76 ____ polloi
77 Actor Schreiber
115 If so
116 Where lei people party?
117 “30 for 30” network
120 Heart test, for short
121 In top form
122 “OMG, enough!”

88 Bygone detergent brand
90 Cabs and zins, e.g.
91 GPS offering
93 Surfing annoyance
94 Colonnaded entryway
97 TSA request
98 Peppermint
99 Patty’s pal
100 Sprayed gently
102 Official orders
104 Not going anywhere
105 Give and take
108 App buyers
109 Pac-12 player
110 Sits on a windowsill, say
112 Skips over
115 If so
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Daily Bridge Club

A teacher’s task

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“A good teacher instructs; a better teacher explains; a fine teacher demonstrates; an exceptional teacher inspires.” – educational wisdom

Having taught bridge before I began writing, I know that no teacher, no matter how knowledgeable and charismatic, can turn people into bridge players in 16 hours of class time. A teacher can impart a few basic ideas – some bidding structure and simple techniques of play – but a teacher’s primary task must be to inspire. If he can show students why we find bridge an exhilarating, compelling game, they may decide it’s worth pursuing in earnest.

When I taught students past the beginner stage, I tried to go past rules and introduce logical thinking. I hoped they would see where the true attraction of the game lies.

In today’s deal, East responds two diamonds to West’s double. South likes his game chances enough to jump to three spades, and North thinks enough of his ace to raise. South wins the first club with the king and leads the king of trumps: five, three, ace. East returns a club. When South takes the ace, how should he continue?

The missing trumps will usually break 3-2, so South might take the queen next. But the auction changed the odds. West inserted a vulnerable takeout double with a flimsy hand: at

most 12 high-card points and no aces. He surely has a distributional hand to compensate for his minimum high-card values.

If South is willing to back his reasoning, he will lead a heart to dummy and return a trump to his nine. He will lose a diamond and a heart but make his game.

South dealer
Both sides vulnerable

NORTH
♠ 7 3
♥ A 8 6 2
♦ 7 6 4
♣ 7 6 5 3

WEST
♠ 5
♥ Q J 7 3
♦ K Q 8 3
♣ Q J 10 4

EAST
♠ A 10 8 4
♥ 10 5
♦ J 9 5 2
♣ 9 8 2

SOUTH
♠ K Q J 9 6 2
♥ K 9 4
♦ A 10
♣ A K

South
1 ♠
3 ♠

West
Dbl
Pass

North
Pass
4 ♠

East
2 ♦
All Pass

Opening lead – ♣ Q

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