



SOLUTIONS



Homestyle Food

Dylan Schiff

ACROSS

- 1 "Should that be the case . . ."
- 5 Life ___ (tricks that might help with household chores)
- 10 Vlogging device, for short
- 13 Scouts BSA group
- 15 Activist ___ Redhorse Young
- 16 Prez on a \$5 bill
- 17 Restaurant chain that serves the All-Star Special
- 19 Canoodling in the town square, e.g.
- 20 Colony insect
- 21 Speaks from a dais
- 22 Oodles
- 23 Poles for some circus performers
- 25 Magnificent
- 27 Soup made with dashi
- 28 TV spots
- 31 "Pet" frustrations
- 32 Reverberating sound
- 33 Having no slack
- 35 What a bloodhound follows
- 36 Restaurant chain that once served the P'Zone

1	I	F	S	O		5	H	A	C	K	S		10	C	A	M	
13	T	R	O	O	P		15	A	L	L	I	E		16	A	B	E
17	W	A	F	F	L	E	18	H	O	U	S	E		19	P	D	A
20	A	N	T		21	O	R	A	T	E	S		22	A	T	O	N
23	S	T	I	L	T	S		25	S	U	B	L	I	M	E		
27	M	I	S	O		28	A	D	S		31	P	E	E	V	E	S
32	E	C	H	O		33	T	A	U	T		35	S	C	E	N	T
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39	R	U	N	I	N		42	E	V	A	N		43	D	A	M	S
47	A	S	P	E	N	S		49	E	W	W		50	U	N	I	T
51	C	U	R	R	I	E	S		53	I	N	D	I	R	A		
55	E	A	T		56	E	N	C	L	O	S	E		59	M	A	C
60	C	L	O	D		62	S	H	A	K	E	S	63	H	A	C	K
64	A	L	T	O		65	E	M	I	R		66	T	I	T	L	E
67	R	Y	E	S		68	S	O	D	A		69	D	E	E	D	

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DOWN

- 39 Adversarial encounter
- 42 "Westworld" actress ___ Rachel Wood
- 43 Reservoir barriers
- 47 "Quaking" trees
- 49 "Gross!"
- 50 Mile or mole
- 51 Madras, korma, etc.
- 53 Indian prime minister Gandhi
- 55 Chow down
- 56 Fence in
- 59 ___ and cheese burger
- 60 Clump of dirt
- 62 Restaurant chain that serves 'Shroom Burgers
- 64 Choir voice
- 65 Islamic leader
- 66 Word before "role" or after "working"
- 67 Patty melt loaves
- 68 Drink such as Inca Kola
- 69 Certain Monopoly card
- 30 Debonair
- 34 Defrost, or become more friendly
- 37 Belly button type
- 38 Ill-advised
- 39 Palindromic vehicle
- 40 "Most of the time . . ."
- 41 Iconic bag from a D.C. broadcaster
- 43 Disappointing firework
- 44 Breathe life into
- 45 "It's a ___!" ("What extraordinary luck!")
- 46 Like an all-star team
- 48 Sight, touch, etc.
- 52 Ordinary guy
- 54 Fit together like Russian dolls
- 57 Installed, like carpet
- 58 Veggie in some maque choux
- 61 Uno mas uno
- 63 Avoided the seeker, in a kids' game
- 1 "Yeah, I'm guilty"
- 2 Emotionally out of control
- 3 Somewhat mushy
- 4 "That's gotta hurt"
- 5 "That joke got me!"
- 6 Oodles
- 7 Crossword hints
- 8 Total sycophant
- 9 Go steady with
- 10 ___ audience (actively listening group)
- 11 Body's midsection
- 12 Least good-natured
- 14 Storyline
- 18 Faux
- 22 Name that's an anagram of "lace"
- 24 More zany
- 26 Make the ___ of a bad situation
- 29 Bewilder

ACROSS

- 1 Insta upload
- 4 Rod on a cello's base
- 10 Mop target
- 15 " __ minute now"
- 16 "Gran __": Clint Eastwood film featuring a 1972 Ford
- 17 "America's Got Talent" judge Mandel
- 18 Special pampering, for short
- 19 Bit of sidewalk art
- 21 Caramel candy
- 23 Actress Thurman
- 24 Tranquil
- 25 Checking account problem
- 28 Apiece
- 29 Book that a bookkeeper keeps
- 30 Make one's way to a previous location
- 35 "Cozy" literary genre
- 38 After-sun balm ingredient
- 39 Partridges, turtledoves, and French hens
- 43 Fat-heavy diet
- 44 "Let's Make a Deal" host Wayne
- 45 Creative spark
- 46 Paloma of fashion
- 48 Shower gel
- 50 Starbucks size
- 55 Pt. of many long weekends
- 56 Ballpark buy that may come with a free pencil
- 59 Sacred Egyptian beetle
- 62 Bitter beer, briefly
- 63 Egg cell
- 64 High-level get-together, or an apt description of the pairing found in 19-, 25-, 30-, 48-, or 56-Across?
- 67 "Is that true about me?"
- 68 Urge forward
- 69 Get even for
- 70 Startle
- 71 "Silly" honkers
- 72 Turn in for money
- 73 Gender-neutral pronoun

DOWN

- 1 Walk a beat
- 2 Smitten (with)

1	P	I	C		4	E	N	D	P	I	N		10	S	P	I	L	L	
15	A	N	Y		16	T	O	R	I	N	O		17	H	O	W	I	E	
18	T	L	C		19	C	H	A	L	K	D		20	R	A	W	I	N	G
21	R	O	L	O	22		23	U	M	A		24	S	E	R	E	N	E	
25	O	V	E	R	26	D	R	A	F	T		27		28	P	E	R		
29	L	E	D	G	E	R				30	H	E	A	D	B	A	C	K	
					35	M	Y	S	T	E	R	Y		38	A	L	O	E	
39	B	I	R	D	S		43	K	E	T	O		44	B	R	A	D	Y	
45	I	D	E	A		46	P	I	C	A	S	S	O						
48	B	O	D	Y	49	W	A	S	H			50	T	R	E	N	T	A	
					55	M	O	N		56	S	C	O	R	E	C	A	R	D
		59	S	C	A	R	A	B		62	I	P	A		63	O	V	U	M
64	B	O	A	R	D	M	E	65	E	T	I	N	G	66		67	A	M	I
68	I	M	P	E	L		69	A	V	E	N	G	E		70	J	A	R	
71	G	E	E	S	E		72	R	E	D	E	E	M		73	O	N	E	

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- 3 Rode a Peloton, say
- 4 List-ending abbr.
- 5 "Take your time!"
- 6 Costume __
- 7 Rice side
- 8 Tats
- 9 Agrees quietly
- 10 Communal
- 11 Maker of ProteinPlus snacks
- 12 Triumphant shout
- 13 Queue
- 14 Race segment
- 20 Make good on a loan
- 22 Assn.
- 26 Blue state pols
- 27 Eighth Greek letter
- 31 Greek Cupid
- 32 Pie __ mode
- 33 Fish sticks fish
- 34 Lock unlocker
- 36 Gear for Gus Kenworthy
- 37 Help desk pros
- 39 Overalls part
- 40 Groom's utterance
- 41 Like Ronald McDonald's shoes
- 42 Frightening visions
- 44 Dullard
- 46 Old TWA rival
- 47 Curious
- 49 Digital game with yellow and green hints
- 51 Green prefix
- 52 Language spoken in Arizona
- 53 "In Cold Blood" writer Capote
- 54 Think highly of
- 57 Quoted
- 58 Offer one's view
- 59 Not all, but not none
- 60 Flowing garment
- 61 Grizzly animal
- 64 Like Ronald McDonald's shoes
- 65 Night before
- 66 Beaut

Cross State Lines

Noelle Griskey

ACROSS

- 1 Fan noise
- 5 "How I Met Your Mother" narrator Bob
- 10 Write in C++ or Perl
- 14 Surrealist Magritte
- 15 Mickey's dog
- 16 Vegas casino with a musical name
- 17 Gives support to
- 18 Pinch pennies, say (In this answer, note letters 2-5)
- 20 A 41-Across is a member of one
- 22 Comfortably warm
- 23 Olive in cartoons
- 24 Had some munchies
- 27 "What in the ___?!"
- 29 Outrage
- 30 Away from the bow
- 33 Onstage hosts
- 35 Pub projectile
- 38 Web address
- 40 Word with "garden" or "party"
- 41 Pittsburgh NFLer
- 43 Long or Peeples
- 44 "___ Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band"
- 45 Brass instrument in an oompah band
- 46 Tricky maneuvers
- 48 Campfire residue
- 50 Vintage
- 52 Up until now
- 53 Nevertheless
- 56 T-shirt or blouse
- 57 Musical Keys
- 60 Temporarily holds up
- 64 Scope out (... letters 3-6)
- 67 Water, in Oaxaca
- 68 Shock
- 69 Specified
- 70 Stint in office
- 71 ___ buco (veal dish)
- 72 Night lights
- 73 Villa d'___

DOWN

- 1 Spa treatment, or a rolled sandwich
- 2 Next in line

1	W	2	H	3	I	4	R		5	S	6	A	7	G	8	E	9	T		10	C	11	O	12	D	13	E
14	R	E	N	E					15	P	L	U	T	O						16	A	R	I	A			
17	A	I	D	S					18	C	U	T	C	O	19	R	N	E	R	S							
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33	E	M	C	E	E	S			34		35	D	A	R	T					38	U	R	L			39	
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44	S	G	T						45	T	U	B	A			46	F	E	I	N	T	S					
		48	A	S	H				50	O	L	D			51		52	A	S	Y	E	T					
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57	A	L	I	C	I	A								60	W	A	Y	L	A	Y	S		62		63		
64	L	O	O	K	A	R	O	U	N	D										67	A	G	U	A			
68	S	T	U	N					69	N	A	M	E	D						70	T	E	R	M			
71	O	S	S	O					72	S	T	A	R	S						73	E	S	T	E			

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- 3 Felines that prefer carpeted trees to real ones (... letters 5-8)
- 4 Make over, as a hairdo
- 5 Pet adoption org.
- 6 Reunion participants
- 7 Probiotic target
- 8 List ender
- 9 Sweet ___ (sugar craving)
- 10 Home to the national parks Banff and Gros Morne
- 11 Valuable rocks
- 12 Juicy gossip
- 13 "Piece of cake"
- 19 Sushi topper
- 21 Firstborn sibling
- 25 Trials and tribulations
- 26 Make airtight
- 27 Dampens
- 28 Luxury watch brand
- 31 Humorous parts of a newspaper (... letters 4-7)
- 32 Overused
- 34 Name that sounds like a slow-cooked dish
- 36 Whistle blower
- 37 Part of NATO
- 39 Go the distance
- 42 "The Bear" Emmy winner ___ Moss-Bachrach
- 47 Seclude
- 49 "Not a chance!"
- 51 Real bummer
- 54 Traveling through
- 55 Works hard for
- 57 Furthermore
- 58 Heaps
- 59 Financial promises
- 61 Uses the + button on a calculator
- 62 Glamping option
- 63 "Me too!"
- 65 Granola grain
- 66 Thurman of "Pulp Fiction"

Clear Up to Here?

Jess Shulman

ACROSS

- 1 Ringlet or Slinky
- 5 Procrastinates
- 11 Bowl berry
- 15 Poker player's buy-in
- 16 Clothing brand that styles its name in a stencil font
- 17 Ring
- 18 *Christmas carol percussionist
- 21 Their are tree in this cue
- 22 Acrobat developer
- 23 A ways off
- 25 Applaud
- 26 *What Simba does when he believes he caused his father's death
- 34 Last-place finisher's lament
- 35 Montreal's Schwartz's, e.g.
- 36 Turkey's neighbour
- 37 Hall of Fame slugger Mel
- 38 Most sage
- 40 '90s DJ's stack
- 41 *"Someone Knows Something," for one
- 46 Send in a resume
- 47 Oktoberfest sausage
- 48 Something to "die on" if you really feel strongly
- 50 ___ colada

- 51 "Get it so far?" or what can be found in each of the starred entries, phonetically
- 55 Strips in a puddle of grease?
- 57 Beam
- 58 Separated
- 61 Author's representative
- 62 Princess Fiona, for one
- 63 They can be urban or Greek
- 64 Long-time 60-Down commentator Black
- 65 Tournament ranking
- 66 David Rose, to Moira

DOWN

- 1 Bit of energy, for short
- 2 "I'll do that immediately!"
- 3 Wee
- 4 Get out of the way of
- 5 Teeter-totter
- 6 Psychedelic drug
- 7 Earth Day mo.
- 8 Grand ___ (French wine designation)
- 9 Television family with an eponymous convenience store
- 10 French setting for "All the Light We Cannot See," for short

1	C	O	I	L		5	S	L	A	C	K	S		11	A	C	A	I				
15	A	N	T	E		16	E	S	P	R	I	T		17	T	O	L	L				
18	L	I	T	T	L	E	D	R	U	M	M	E	R	B	O	Y						
		21	T	Y	P	O	S						22	A	D	O	B	E				
				23	A	F	A	R				25	C	L	A	P						
26	R	U	N	S	A	W	A	Y	F	R	O	M	H	O	M	E						
34	I	L	O	S	T			35	D	E	L	I		36	S	Y	R	I	A			
37	O	T	T					38	W	I	S	E	S	T				40	C	D	S	
41	T	R	U	E	C	R	I	M	E	P	O	D	C	A	S	T						
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				48	H	I	L	L				50	P	I	N	A						
				51	A	R	E	Y	O	U	W	I	T	H	M	E						
55	B	A	C	O	N				57	G	R	I	N			58	A	P	A	R	T	
61	A	G	E	N	T				62	O	G	R	E			63	M	Y	T	H	S	
64	R	O	D						65	S	E	E	D						66	S	O	N

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- 11 Wither, like a muscle that hasn't been used
- 12 Salad with blue cheese and chicken
- 13 Sunburn soother
- 14 Affectionate letters in a text
- 19 Relative of "lite"
- 20 Dutch cheeses
- 24 Circumference over pi equals two of these
- 25 Chip, to a Brit
- 26 Hilarious time
- 27 Extremely
- 28 Still in bed
- 29 Quaint affirmative
- 30 Get out of Dodge
- 31 Whales with five distinct populations in Canada
- 32 "In the ___ of Winter" (Isabel Allende novel)
- 33 ___ Side Mario's, restaurant chain with the jingle "hey, budda boom, budda bing!"
- 38 With tongue in cheek
- 39 "Namely..."
- 42 Romcom director Nora
- 43 One of a freelancer's many "bosses"
- 44 Lena who once wrote that 42-Down's first film was "the movie that made me want to make movies"
- 45 In need of some Aleve, perhaps
- 49 Apple's apple and Target's target
- 50 Suffered with longing
- 51 Got every question right on
- 52 Strongly encourage
- 53 Hidden microphone, say
- 54 Has a Beaver Tail
- 55 Trivia night venue
- 56 In the past
- 59 Greek letter often used to represent density
- 60 Where to catch a CFL game

Make the Years Count

Willa Angel Chen Miller

ACROSS

- 1 Brown and Harvard, for example
- 6 Swiss mountains
- 10 "Auld ___ Syne"
- 14 Like iota's place in the Greek alphabet
- 15 Slimy stuff
- 16 Asia's ___ Sea, formerly the world's fourth-largest lake
- 17 Like a nearly tied match
- 18 Complexion condition
- 19 Currency represented by ?
- 20 Female lobster
- 21 Parts of a student's workload
- 24 GPS predictions
- 25 24-Across pushers
- 26 Eco-friendly alternatives to Luvs
- 31 1/16th of a pound
- 32 ___ wolf (extinct species)
- 33 Kitchen pest
- 36 Eyebrow shape
- 37 Strong winds
- 39 ___ mater
- 40 Golf ball holder
- 41 Spanish appetizer
- 42 Like a cloudy winter day

- 43 Difficult stage in a toddler's development, or a hint to the answers found at every number ending in a certain digit
- 46 Loved so so much
- 49 Chinese dynasty from 916 to 1125
- 50 Jian dui coating
- 53 "The Blues Brothers" sketch show

- 56 Jobs creation
- 57 Cosmic eruption
- 58 Likely personality classification for a go-getter
- 60 University home to Krzyzewskiville
- 61 Monarch of Qatar
- 62 Infested, in a way
- 63 Distinct creative periods
- 64 Depend
- 65 Round dwellings

DOWN

- 1 Move like a glacier
- 2 Carmen Sandiego's organization
- 3 Privy to
- 4 Aliens (Abbr.)
- 5 Put away, like a sword
- 6 Tennis great Andre
- 7 Focal points

1	I	V	I	E	S		A	L	P	S		L	A	N	G			
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17	C	L	O	S	E		18	A	C	N	E		19	P	E	S	O	
20	H	E	N		21	A	S	S	I	G	N	23	M	E	N	T	S	
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31	O	U	N	C	E			32	D	I	R	E		33	34	35		
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36	A	R	C	H		37	G	A	L	E	S		39	A	L	M	A	
40	T	E	E		41	T	A	P	A			42	B	L	E	A	K	
				43	T	E	R	R	I	B	L	E	T	W	O	S		
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	A	D	O	R	E	D												
50	S	E	S	A	M	E	51	52	E	E	D	S		53	54	55		
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60	D	U	K	E		61	E	M	I	R		62	L	O	U	S	Y	
63	E	R	A	S		64	R	E	L	Y		65	Y	U	R	T	S	

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- 8 Table tennis video game
- 9 Big ___ (people making large purchases)
- 10 Places for some mics
- 11 Venue for a big concert
- 12 "No, my first name ain't baby / It's Janet, Miss Jackson if you're ___"
- 13 Lip cosmetic
- 22 Condition treated with special lamps
- 23 Trifling
- 24 ___ A Sketch
- 26 Anorak, for one
- 27 Tackle box item
- 28 A single time
- 29 Stevenson in 1950s politics
- 30 Dessert in "Sing a Song of Sixpence"
- 33 Traveled by plane
- 34 "omg that's funny!"
- 35 Yammers
- 37 Person who's always in the weeds?
- 38 National Pickleball Month (Abbr.)
- 39 Part of SATB, in music
- 41 Overflow
- 42 Animalistic
- 43 Minuscule amounts
- 44 Like a sleepyhead's eyes
- 45 Tupperware topper
- 46 Onstage comment to the audience
- 47 Voice an objection
- 48 Tennis great Naomi
- 51 "___ Pig" (woven message in Charlotte's Web)
- 52 Dr. in Austin Powers films
- 53 Cowboy boot attachment
- 54 Heron's home
- 55 Places down
- 59 Part of "y'all" or "ily"

FORAGING

ACROSS

- 1 Host of the 2025 Ryder Cup
- 4 Oscar-winning role for Mikey Madison
- 7 "Give it a whirl!"
- 10 Word meaning "cool" in jive talk
- 13 Some suits, for short
- 14 Actor McKellen
- 15 Informal loan
- 16 "Searching for Spain" host Longoria
- 17 Book review content, for short
- 19 More hygge
- 21 Common day trip from New Delhi
- 22 Air holes?
- 24 Style for Colin Kaepernick
- 25 Drops trou
- 27 Zendaya's role on "Euphoria"
- 28 Take a whiff
- 29 Rehab specialists
- 30 Round the clock, say
- 33 Reuben base
- 34 "___ little, ___ late"
- 35 Family nickname
- 37 Activity that may lead you to Chicken of the woods... as will the circled letters
- 46 Fancy tie
- 47 By way of

- 48 Island group Penei Sewell is from
- 49 Blacken
- 50 Japanese boxed lunch
- 52 The "N" in NBA
- 53 "___ Daddy I Love Him" (Taylor Swift title)
- 54 Bowling achievements
- 56 Guy's partner
- 57 Goes face first
- 59 Many a Persian Muslim
- 61 Connect a boat to a pier, perhaps
- 63 A real show stopper
- 64 Wrangler accessory
- 65 Kathleen of Lucasfilm
- 66 IDs often needed to open a credit card
- 67 Newspaper section

DOWN

- 1 Tool for completing gel manicures
- 2 Hose hookup
- 3 Team often homering into the Crawford Boxes
- 4 Height, in snowboarding
- 5 Hammer target
- 6 Work for free, sometimes



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- 7 Citation
- 8 Dunka___ (90s snack)
- 9 "Delish!"
- 10 Young one on a farm
- 11 The ___ Brothers ("All I Have to Do is Dream" artist)
- 12 Early release
- 18 Give the axe
- 20 Peeps
- 23 Reigning Cricket World Cup champs, for short
- 26 Impersonate a pig
- 28 Attends a SoulCycle class, say
- 31 Away message for one on PTO
- 32 One half of "The Game" (abbr.)
- 34 Nickname for Noah Syndergaard
- 36 Diehard, slangily
- 37 Role played by Denzel Washington and Michael Fassbender
- 38 Departure port for most Antarctica cruises
- 39 Disperse
- 40 One side to bet
- 41 Weasel relative
- 42 "___ Has No Home Here" (common yard sign)
- 43 "Picture this..."
- 44 Transcribed
- 45 Next stop after being framed?
- 50 One used to being pushed?
- 51 Shellfish often served with mignonette sauce
- 54 Window treatments
- 55 Shift (aside)
- 58 Patches up a lawn
- 60 Cozy accommodations
- 62 "Call of Duty: Black ___"
- 63 One-time genre for No Doubt

Terrors of the Deep

K.J. Sarr & Olivia Mitra Framke

ACROSS

- 1 "Winged" tree
- 4 Lose traction
- 8 Put on ice
- 13 Robert Frost took one less traveled by
- 15 Toe TLC
- 16 Home to the Vietnamese Women's Museum
- 17 Taylor-Joy who voiced Princess Peach
- 18 Assents
- 19 Flight path?
- 20 Predatory fish that isn't actually a folkloric monster
- 23 Block letters?
- 24 Performance artist Yoko
- 25 Brackish habitat
- 29 Support for a pregnant person
- 31 Throw
- 33 Color with cochineal, say
- 34 Flowery term of endearment
- 36 Slips away from
- 39 Pale crustacean that won't actually haunt you
- 41 Dugouts, for example
- 44 More spicy

- 46 What "13" refers to, in "PG-13"
- 47 Waist ribbon
- 49 Common horse gait
- 51 Mario's Super Mushroom, e.g.
- 54 Night before
- 56 Moo goo ___ pan
- 58 Darkly colored cephalopod that doesn't actually consume blood
- 61 Group of witches in "Agatha All Along"
- 64 Nails
- 65 Money drawer
- 66 Word after "energy" or "soft"
- 67 Gave for a while
- 68 "Huh . . . Got it"
- 69 Airplane assignments
- 70 "___ do this thing!"
- 71 Advanced degs.

DOWN

- 1 Time period
- 2 Powerful archery option
- 3 Novelty Heinz sauce that combines two condiments
- 4 Alhambra's country
- 5 Major speeches
- 6 ___ of March

1	E	L	M					4	S	K	I	D			8	C	H	I	L	L	
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- 7 Some pottery class creations
- 8 Alignment ___ (player aid for some TTRPGs)
- 9 Poetry form used by Kaga no Chiyo
- 10 Career connections
- 11 "bahahaha"
- 12 Cheat at Truth or Dare, say
- 14 Blot
- 21 Can't stand
- 22 Strongly state
- 23 Skippable parts of some YouTube videos
- 26 Tack on
- 27 "The Catcher in the ___"
- 28 "Um, duh!"
- 30 Minifigure maker
- 32 Solemn pledges
- 35 Marsupial that plays dead
- 37 Cafe orders
- 38 Lyft alternative
- 40 Like a well-constructed argument
- 41 Topper for a head or a pen
- 42 "That was so long ___ now!"
- 43 Novel
- 45 Charmingly rakish, like some love interests
- 48 Deeply dismay
- 50 Shadowed
- 52 Fundraiser or family reunion, e.g.
- 53 Arranges on a tier list
- 55 Waistcoats
- 57 Whiles away the hours
- 59 Frozen beverage brand
- 60 Certain cotton swab
- 61 Items burned in the '90s
- 62 Minecraft block
- 63 By way of

Would You Let Me Finish?

Ada Nicolle

Across

- 1 Guacamole, for example
- 4 "I'd like a ____, hold the mayo" (deli order)
- 7 Some long nails
- 12 Exhale heavily
- 13 Battery size for some mice
- 14 Breakfast item that may have sesame seeds
- 15 **Be there for**
- 17 Like some braces and hair
- 18 Person who really feels for others
- 19 ____ beans (pads that help create 🐾)
- 21 Word after "styling" or "aloe"
- 22 Animal that's a homophone of 48-Down (and is featured in its logo)
- 23 **Wedding addresses**
- 27 🍄 sprout
- 28 Tool that often breaks?
- 29 Environment
- 30 What someone giving a pep talk may improve
- 33 Fork parts
- 34 Constant, or what each word in the answers to the bolded clues should be, in order for the clues to make sense

- 36 Type of skirt
- 38 Gender-neutral demonym
- 39 ____ to (indulges)
- 41 Something poached
- 42 Timberwolves' league
- 45 **Cocktail made with wine and sparkling water**
- 48 "Prepare to meet your ____!" (clichéd villain line)
- 49 Typical *Bluey* watcher
- 50 "... ____ the cows come home"
- 51 Unfazed by
- 53 Euphoric moments
- 55 **Style of architecture**
- 57 "Nice to ____ you!" (Zoom call greeting)
- 58 Figure on a college application
- 59 Structure with a high point
- 60 *Crazy Rich Asians* actor Golding
- 61 2,000-____ note (denomination introduced in 2000)
- 62 "That's neat!"

Down

- 1 Person who was broken up with
- 2 "My worry is ..."
- 3 "That's silly!" sound
- 4 Open mic setting
- 5 Drink similar to a caffè mocha
- 6 Sierra Nevada lake
- 7 News network with headquarters in Ottawa
- 8 Mark for someone who's often smiling
- 9 Not at odds
- 10 "Time will tell"
- 11 Crafty
- 12 Perfect for settling in
- 15 Give up
- 16 Sarcastic "Right"
- 20 Initials for many nightclub tracks
- 24 Gem (and the meaning of the name Margaret)
- 25 Crediting as a source
- 26 Like an *Among Us* player that should be questioned
- 28 Not publicly acknowledged
- 30 "Same, can't relate"
- 31 Movie star Seydoux
- 32 Cross the threshold
- 34 N as in nonmetals?
- 35 Extract after a snowstorm
- 36 Units in apartment buildings
- 37 How long it takes to go around a track once
- 40 In place
- 42 "Ain't gonna happen!"
- 43 Screw up
- 44 Wild way to run
- 46 Comic strip character who said, "It took me a lifetime to perfect my imperfections!"
- 47 Split like some couples do?
- 48 Farm equipment brand
- 52 Type of carpet
- 53 "That's pretty funny"
- 54 Messy place
- 56 Sandal ____ (summer lines)

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It's Top Secret

Prasanna Keshava / Edited by Will Nediger

ACROSS

- 1 Pat on the back
- 7 "Right now!"
- 11 Device hooked up to an electric guitar
- 14 Poker variant
- 15 Teacher in Tibetan Buddhism
- 16 Sound from a lamb
- 17 18-Across patrons
- 18 Site for a light bite
- 20 *bzzt*
- 21 Hotel room conveniences
- 22 "The ___'s Bond... James Bond"
- 23 Eye drop?
- 25 Regarding, in a business letter
- 27 Berry with anthocyanins
- 30 Burst of wind
- 32 2012 Beyoncé song
- 36 Horror actor Ingrid who wrote the spy novel "Cuckoo Run"
- 37 Person inputting online credentials
- 38 Went downhill on purpose
- 39 "Gone ___ Baby" (Ben Affleck crime drama)
- 40 Favored in the polls
- 42 Luxury hotel brand

- 43 Very angry
- 45 Toy company acquired by Mattel
- 46 Three of them are in a yard
- 47 Sworn promises
- 48 Trees with acorns
- 49 Professional charges
- 50 Tiny bit
- 52 Problem-free state
- 54 Flavored frozen treat
- 57 Cowboy boot accessory
- 59 Baseball player Sandoval known as "Kung Fu Panda"

- 63 Cheating the IRS
- 65 Deep sadness
- 66 Government watchdog org.
- 67 Frequent Pete Seeger collaborator Guthrie
- 68 Like slurping noodles, in Japan
- 69 May honoree
- 70 "Monday Night Countdown" channel
- 71 NHL team with a winged logo

DOWN

- 1 "That was close!"
- 2 Sound from the stands
- 3 Choir voice

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69	M	O	M			70	E	S	P	N			71	F	L	Y	E	R	S		

- 4 Cybercriminal, often
- 5 Coat fabric
- 6 Ambulance letters
- 7 "Oh, before you leave..."
- 8 Google website that lets kids follow St. Nick's progress
- 9 Stockpile
- 10 Election fundraising org.
- 11 Swedish group with the hit "Dancing Queen"
- 12 Address that elides a "d"
- 13 Peel the skin off of
- 19 Head home after lunch on Friday, perhaps
- 21 Squash, as tomatoes
- 24 Water, in Spanish
- 26 Quaint contraction
- 27 H.S. science subject
- 28 Singer of "Oh" (featuring Ludacris)
- 29 Slugger's turn
- 31 "Bye for now"
- 33 "Voices Carry" vocalist Mann
- 34 "Fast & Furious Spy Racers" voice actor ___ Elise Goldsberry
- 35 Makes ready for publication
- 41 South Indian crepe
- 44 Spanish "that"
- 51 Winter Palace residents, once
- 53 Yo-yo, basically
- 54 Agenda point
- 55 Guitarist's accessory
- 56 Big test
- 58 Noodles often topped with scallions
- 60 Cheese with an edible rind
- 61 Tolkien series, for short
- 62 Has unpaid bills
- 64 "Awkward Black Girl" star Issa
- 65 Tanning lotion stat

Hour-Long

Richard D. Allen

ACROSS

- 1 Bro's sib, maybe
- 4 Unkempt hairdos
- 8 Ceremonies
- 13 Clean with soap and water
- 14 "Well said!"
- 15 Miyazaki's cartoon genre
- 16 The Emerald ___ (Ireland nickname)
- 17 Farm tower
- 18 Palindromic Honda
- 19 Parts specialist?
- 22 Joe's veep
- 23 Green prefix
- 24 "Dang"
- 27 "Let's hear more ..."
- 32 Child care worker?
- 36 Preppy shirt
- 37 Winery wood
- 38 Favoritism
- 39 Policy adviser?
- 44 Puffiness remedy
- 45 Follow stealthily
- 46 Special guest, briefly
- 48 Scorching
- 53 Forty-hour gigs ... or 19-, 32- and 39-Across, based on the lengths of their words?
- 58 Ninja Turtles' home
- 59 Impolite
- 60 Exchange
- 61 Cropped up
- 62 One between 12 and 20
- 63 Sometimes-slippery trees
- 64 Taboos
- 65 Blind piece
- 66 Airport safety agcy.

DOWN

- 1 Beyonce's "I Am... ___ Fierce"
- 2 Religion whose pillars include shahada and zakat
- 3 "___ and the Princesses of Power" (Netflix show)
- 4 Lash enhancer

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- 5 Neglect to mention
- 6 Soccer great who was Brazil's first minister of sports
- 7 Saw logs, say
- 8 Garbage can bandit
- 9 Still competing
- 10 DVR since 1999
- 11 Middle Eastern title
- 12 Short amount of time?
- 13 It's lit!
- 20 German grocer
- 21 Electrifying rock group?
- 25 Loads and loads
- 26 Plot for development
- 28 London subway, with "the"
- 29 "The Office" receptionist
- 30 Future J.D.'s exam
- 31 "___ Miserables"
- 32 It's a little horse!
- 33 Alternatively
- 34 Nickelodeon kid who kept a journal
- 35 Swedish furniture retailer
- 36 Thanksgiving dessert
- 40 Holds in the highest esteem
- 41 Landed
- 42 HVAC system entry point
- 43 Delight
- 47 Container ship destinations
- 49 EDM festival performance
- 50 Laughs heartily
- 51 Biden was his veep
- 52 Recipe amts.
- 53 Unpopular Roman emperor
- 54 Victory boast
- 55 Aerie, e.g.
- 56 Kerosene or propane
- 57 Brainstorm product
- 58 Feeling blue

ACROSS

- 1 Spanish "more"
- 4 Table salt, to a chemist
- 8 NBA great O'Neal, to fans
- 12 "__ my words ... "
- 13 French fashion monthly
- 14 __ Xtra: Dr Pepper rival
- 15 With some exceptions
- 18 Queasiness
- 19 High degrees
- 20 GP's gp.
- 21 Mint-garnished rum cocktail
- 24 Will Ferrell holiday film
- 27 Place to pick up tickets at a theater, perhaps
- 31 Speaker output
- 32 Impulse
- 33 Tofu base
- 36 Ancestry.com service
- 39 With 51-Down, soothing plant
- 40 Boxing matches
- 41 Thin Mint or Trefoil
- 48 Fine and dandy
- 49 Gretel's brother
- 50 Online addresses: Abbr.
- 51 Workshop clamp
- 52 Pouch spun by a spider
- 55 Goal of store loyalty programs, and what can be found in 15-, 27-, and 41-Across
- 60 At all
- 61 Country road
- 62 Son of Hera and Zeus
- 63 TV warrior princess played by Lucy Lawless
- 64 Southernmost Great Lake
- 65 Tied the knot

DOWN

- 1 Car with a clutch
- 2 Circle segments
- 3 __-Ball: arcade game
- 4 Pickleball barrier
- 5 Pie __ mode
- 6 Medical center
- 7 Gave for a while

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- 8 Mani-pedi spots
- 9 Casual hellos
- 10 Fiver
- 11 TD pass throwers, perhaps
- 12 Florida metropolitan area with an Art Deco District
- 16 Holiday Inn competitor
- 17 French pet name that also means "cabbage"
- 18 Casual denial
- 22 Lena of "Chocolat"
- 23 Former "Idol" judge, to fans
- 24 Raison d'__
- 25 Trio on a stool
- 26 Guitar ridge
- 28 Tag
- 29 Billiards stick
- 30 Bananas
- 33 Epic story
- 34 Mixed bag
- 35 Big name in peppermint patties
- 36 Pour affection (on)
- 37 Cell centers
- 38 From __ Z
- 40 Help wait tables
- 42 Branch of Islam
- 43 Stronghold with a keep
- 44 Sign of weak cellular service
- 45 Smooched
- 46 "Skip me"
- 47 Keyboard key that exits full-screen mode
- 51 See 39-Across
- 53 Nibble (at)
- 54 "Sommersby" actor Richard
- 55 Harrison of "My Fair Lady"
- 56 New Year's __
- 57 Calligrapher's tool
- 58 Aussie's college
- 59 "Catch my drift?"

Get Up and Go

Ross Trudeau & Jessie Trudeau

Across

- 1 Social connections
- 4 *J. Edgar* org.
- 7 Book character who uses a cane, and dresses like a candy cane
- 12 Honky-___
- 14 Hasty getaway
- 15 Name that's an anagram of "name ID"
- 16 1988 film about an East L.A. mathematics teacher
- 19 Get high before getting up
- 20 Prefix for "cycle"
- 21 Sign of fire?
- 22 "LET'S GO!"
- 23 Human Rights Day mo.
- 24 Marbled bread
- 25 It's stranded in pairs?
- 28 Patronize a 35-Across
- 29 Hustle influencer's motto
- 35 Type of informal ristorante
- 36 Chain whose employees 16-Across?
- 39 Number that becomes a different number when rotated
- 40 "Mm-hmm"
- 41 Farm share program, for short

- 44 Like
- 45 Two-time Oscar winner Mahershala
- 48 Sounded satisfied
- 50 Opposite of norte
- 51 Chain whose employees 19-Across?
- 55 Chain whose employees 29-Across?
- 57 Virgil epic
- 58 Early * consumer?
- 59 Take off
- 60 "We agree!"
- 61 They produce multiple outs (Abbr.)
- 62 Some Monopoly properties (Abbr.)

Down

- 1 Them's fightin' words!
- 2 Public official?
- 3 More windy
- 4 Caramel-topped custard
- 5 Asia or Europe, but not North America
- 6 Site with a Top Box Office section
- 7 Wrexham A.F.C.'s country
- 8 Pal, in Paris

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- 9 How much-worn clothes often appear
- 10 Diving board area
- 11 How curry may be served
- 13 Joint with a cap
- 15 Triple ___ (hockey feint in *The Mighty Ducks*)
- 17 Gov. lawyers
- 18 1/365,000th of a millennium
- 25 University figure with a "list"
- 26 Its alphabet includes Romeo and Juliet
- 27 Like a texter left on read by their crush
- 28 Cameron of Hollywood
- 30 "I'm represented by this meme"
- 31 Hindu honorific
- 32 "Rad"
- 33 Rock climber's asset
- 34 *Rogue One* actor Ahmed
- 36 Waters down
- 37 Firing off a string of indignant comments, for example
- 38 Pine after
- 39 Capital of the Bahamas
- 42 Mollusk named after a human facial feature
- 43 Some venomous snakes
- 45 NBC sitcom about a high school science teacher
- 46 Honor with praise
- 47 Corporation abbreviation
- 48 Blood-typing letters
- 49 Doggy day care cacophony
- 52 ___ out a victory (barely won)
- 53 Respond to an Apple Invites note
- 54 Studs in a bullpen?
- 56 ___ Speedwagon

Listening to our Bodies

Emma Lawson

ACROSS

- 1 Moves like a dog's tail
- 5 Ziti or fusilli
- 10 Browser's code
- 14 "Mind blown!"
- 15 Goodbye, in French
- 16 Opera highlight
- 17 Brain power
- 18 Eminent
- 19 "Barbie" actor Gosling
- 20 "While we're on the subject..."
- 23 Ariana Grande's "God ___ Woman"
- 25 Opposite of post-
- 26 Mythical Himalayan beasts
- 27 Traditional Thanksgiving meals
- 32 Hints
- 33 Bug spray ingredient
- 34 Word before tight or loose
- 35 Nathan Fielder, by the end of season 2 of "The Rehearsal"
- 37 ___ spumante
- 41 Make less difficult
- 42 Breakfast fruit
- 43 Tan
- 47 Crucial artery

- 49 "The Summer I Turned Pretty" creator Jenny
- 50 Winter hrs. in Victoria
- 51 Confess one's feelings and secrets, or, a hint to what words can be found in disarray within 20-, 27-, and 43-Across
- 56 Org. whose Artemis 2 mission will bring humanity back to the cislunar environment

- 57 Pet collar attachment
- 58 Captain of the Pequod
- 61 Setting for "The Sound of Music"
- 62 Bean type used for refried beans
- 63 Western tie
- 64 Subtle summons
- 65 "What thou ___ when thou dost wake / Do it for thy true love take": "A Midsummer's Night Dream"
- 66 Ballpark figure

DOWN

- 1 Common URL starter
- 2 Sushi tuna
- 3 "I must be off!"

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- 4 Miss Canada accessory
- 5 Place to stock soup cans
- 6 Absolutely loved
- 7 Place
- 8 Swarm (with)
- 9 German carmaker
- 10 "___, Better, Faster, Stronger" (Daft Punk song)
- 11 Secret meetings
- 12 U.S. city with a large Cuban population
- 13 Road divisions
- 21 Primatologists' subjects
- 22 No, in Russian
- 23 Bug bite symptom
- 24 Toni Morrison novel
- 28 Big beer order
- 29 Wastes gas, maybe
- 30 Keanu's role in "The Matrix"
- 31 Tennis court divider
- 35 Ms. ___-Man
- 36 Kinda
- 37 ___ Lingus
- 38 Powerful hockey strike
- 39 Many Christmas presents
- 40 The "I" in MIT (abbr.)
- 41 Citation abbr.
- 42 List to order from
- 43 What Brits call chips
- 44 After a long wait
- 45 "Well, darn"
- 46 Housefly larva
- 47 "Easy!"
- 48 Shimmery stones
- 52 Athlete's woe (with "the")
- 53 Garfield's pal
- 54 ___ Reader
- 55 Bar bills
- 59 In the manner of
- 60 Web nuisance

Fireball Crosswords
All Together Now

The Across theme answers are: **TENSES UP**, **GET DIRECTIONS**, **TEETH STRAIGHTENING**, **SEASON'S END**, and **DA BEARS**.

47A: **ALYSSA** Naehler played every minute of the USWNT's win in the 2019 Women's World Cup.

39D: "Berlin Game" was the first book by Len **DEIGHTON** to feature the spy Bernard Samson.

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Pulling Some Strings

David Karp

ACROSS

- 1 __ Dinner
- 6 "Are you kidding me?"
- 12 Vertical wall support
- 16 Actor Pascal, whose "The Last of Us" was filmed in Canada
- 17 Capital of Cuba
- 18 Hawaiian raw fish dish
- 19 Rank that's the subject of Gilbert and Sullivan's "I Am the Very Model"
- 21 Once more
- 22 Day-__ paint
- 23 Edmonton CFL player
- 24 Publicist, in slang
- 26 Baseball's Winnipeg Goldeyes or hockey's Calgary Wranglers
- 33 Henri ou Guillaume
- 34 Small inlet
- 35 Praise enthusiastically
- 36 Extremely nitpicky
- 39 Pumpnickel and others
- 42 Operative
- 43 Difference in resale price from a pre-collision car to a post-collision repaired car
- 48 Zilch
- 49 Instrument that tunes the orchestra at the start of a concert

- 50 Sport that's Japanese for "striking one another"
- 51 Places to order Montreal smoked meat
- 54 Chem class locale
- 56 Alias letters
- 58 Pokémon Go technology
- 64 Ceremony host
- 65 Egg cells
- 66 Tee-__
- 68 Ballerina's skirt
- 70 Really resonate ... or what the starts of 19-, 26-, 43- and 58-Across do?
- 75 O'Toole who was Canada's Leader of the Opposition from 2020 to 2022
- 76 Person who tries to track down lost parcels or people
- 77 Disney deer
- 78 Poker buy-in
- 79 Smooth as silk
- 80 Break the rules

DOWN

- 1 Deloitte competitor
- 2 Sphere of influence
- 3 Neighbour
- 4 To and __
- 5 Blue Jays, on a scoreboard
- 6 Petro Canada competitor
- 7 Long (for)

1	K	2	R	3	A	4	F	5	T	6	S	7	H	8	E	9	E	10	S	11	H	12	S	13	T	14	U	15	D	
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2025

- 8 Night before
- 9 Audiologist's focus
- 10 Screw-up
- 11 "Monster's Ball" actress Berry
- 12 Parent company of Starlink, which provides satellite internet to thousands of remote Canadian homes
- 13 Japanese deep-fried pork cutlets
- 14 Small stringed instrument, for short
- 15 Morning moisture
- 20 Switz. neighbour
- 25 Consumed
- 27 Linguist Chomsky
- 28 Luxury chain that operates Toronto's King Edward Hotel
- 29 Scatterbrain
- 30 Marvin of Motown
- 31 Have the blues
- 32 Foxlike
- 37 365 días
- 38 Mark Carney's party (abbr.)
- 40 Singer Sheeran and actor Asner
- 41 "Law & Order" spinoff, familiarly
- 43 God, in Gaspé
- 44 "This one's my treat"
- 45 Bottom of a shoe
- 46 Human-rights lawyer Clooney
- 47 Norse trickster god
- 48 Silence-enforcing doc
- 52 Protected, in a way
- 53 "Just a __!"
- 55 In need of repair
- 57 Comfortable
- 59 Tree houses?
- 60 Colourful aquarium fish
- 61 Without exception
- 62 Small battery
- 63 __ maté (caffeinated drink)
- 67 Fix typos
- 68 Coffee alternative
- 69 Large coffee holder
- 71 First sign in the Chinese zodiac
- 72 Here, in French
- 73 "Schitt's Creek" network
- 74 "Fat chance!"

ACROSS

- 1 Activist Lee known as the "Grandmother of Juneteenth"
- 5 Fakémon images, e.g.
- 11 "What's __ deal?"
- 14 Pitcher's start
- 16 [raises index finger]
- 17 Boundary-breaking home concept
- 18 Pithier version of lorem ipsum text
- 19 __ and gentler
- 20 Sonic, notably
- 22 Even a skosh
- 23 Canadian conservative
- 24 Repetitive email sign-off
- 25 "__ queen!"
- 26 Send a return over the net
- 28 Made less sharp
- 29 Signs of safe traffic flow
- 30 Oaxacan sauces that can have more than 30 ingredients
- 31 Set available at thenounproject.com

1	O	P	A	L		5	F	A	N	A	R	T		11	H	I	S
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19	K	I	N	D	E	R		20	H	E	D	G	21	E	H	O	G
22	A	T	A	L	L		23	T	O	R	Y		24	X	O	X	O
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35	I	R	O	N	S		36	B	E	A	C	H		37	G	A	S
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44	P	A	N	I	45	P	U	R	I		46	S	O	O	T	H	E
47	A	R	E		48	A	T	S	E	49	V	E	N	T	E	E	N
50	L	U	X		51	D	R	A	G	P	A	G	E	A	N	T	
52	A	G	T		53	S	O	R	E	S	T		54	L	M	A	O

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DOWN

- 1 "If you say so"
- 2 Seed in some 30-Across
- 3 Where to see the stars
- 4 1980s US Open three-peater
- 5 Word with job or craft
- 6 Formicarium dweller
- 7 Uhura player
- 8 Stick
- 9 Like some voices and wetlands
- 10 Sharp flavor
- 11 Sweet, chili-infused condiment
- 12 What highly motivated people may have zero goals for?
- 13 One making waves
- 15 Zoology class figures
- 21 Does a happy dance
- 23 Bill-collecting label
- 27 Nunito sans, for one
- 28 Lyrical story of unrequited love
- 29 Act opener
- 30 Class offered by MITx, e.g.
- 31 Court call
- 32 Lacking sparkle
- 33 Under-the-table purchase
- 34 Overwhelm
- 35 Animal also known as a rooibok
- 36 Brown bread specialist
- 37 "We did good!"
- 38 Angela Bassett's "9-1-1" role
- 39 Taken care of
- 41 Album ender
- 43 Rest stop along a highway
- 45 Some legal places to make records
- 46 Headquarters
- 49 Some execs

The Crossword: Tuesday, April 15, 2025

Paolo Pasco

ACROSS

- 1 Blood-bank supply
- 7 One of the twenty in "Drop and give me twenty!"
- 13 Word with line or dollar
- 14 California city that was home to the Auto Club Speedway
- 15 Knights' rides
- 16 Sacked, like the Vikings' offensive line?
- 17 Acts all hoity-toity
- 19 Finds a spot for someone else?
- 20 L.A. Sparks player who was the first to dunk in a W.N.B.A. game
- 21 Stat fretted over during college-app season, maybe
- 24 Biblical unit of measure
- 25 Wanes
- 26 Pupil shape for a cat in a sunbeam
- 27 Iron ___ (basis of some pigment powders)
- 28 "In Which Kanga and Baby ___ Come to the Forest, and Piglet Has a Bath" (chapter of "Winnie-the-Pooh")
- 29 African country featured in Yaa Gyasi's novel "Homegoing"
- 30 Shape of a party hat

- 31 Small songbirds that may be "crested" or "bearded"
- 32 Reduced to rubble
- 33 URL ending for a community-service group
- 34 Ones driven on a camping trip?
- 36 Mastermind of the operation
- 37 Donned one's big-boy pants, say
- 38 Seiji Ozawa and Leonard Bernstein, for two
- 40 Make a recorder-like sound, e.g.
- 44 Invertebrate such as a leech or earthworm

- 45 Swathe
- 46 Liquid fuel that burns more slowly than gasoline
- 47 Extends, as a subscription

DOWN

- 1 Network whose logo is a stylized depiction of three heads in profile
- 2 Portion of land
- 3 "The Blob That ___ Everyone" ("Goosebumps" book)
- 4 "We tried it your way-now let me show you how it's really done"
- 5 Change from one key to another

1	P	2	L	3	A	4	S	5	M	6	A				7	P	8	U	9	S	10	H	11	U	12	P	
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- 6 Dutch river with an eponymous brewery
- 7 North-pointing member of Ursa Minor
- 8 Dissimilar to
- 9 7-Down and others
- 10 The Weird Sisters in "Macbeth," for example
- 11 "Je Suis ___ Legende" (French title for "I Am Legend")
- 12 Soft paw part
- 14 Ultimate obstacles for gamers
- 16 Gets the champagne flowing
- 18 Metal bar in a wheel-turning assembly
- 19 Just feeling good, slangily
- 20 Las Vegas hotel with a pyramid and a sphinx
- 21 Ilana who co-created "Broad City"
- 22 Yearns (for)
- 23 Only slightly
- 24 Tennis champ Gauff
- 26 Blackmail, e.g.
- 29 Level after kindergarten, typically
- 31 Offshoot of a climbing plant
- 34 Dot on an "i" or a "j"
- 35 Professional who works with their buds?
- 36 Bouquet's dozen, perhaps
- 37 Something small from a parent
- 38 P.O.'d
- 39 Nickname for the title character of "Anora"
- 41 Uno e due
- 42 What the bill becomes at the end of "I'm Just a Bill," in "Schoolhouse Rock"
- 43 Installments of a TV series, for short

Championship -- CHOPPY Clues

Christina Iverson / Edited by Brad Wilber

ACROSS

- 1 It often features sliders and taters
- 9 Rock covering
- 14 Someone who needs space?
- 16 What your coach always wants you to bring
- 17 Bidding and bluff-calling pastime since the Inca Empire
- 18 Python pro
- 19 "For example ..."
- 20 Cupcake-filling aid
- 22 "You can't sit here" inits.?
- 23 Shortly, in verse
- 25 Quench
- 26 Burst of sound from church bells
- 27 Wuthering Heights and Northanger Abbey
- 30 PG-13 name for the card game also known as contract whist or Up and Down the River
- 32 More than just challenged
- 36 Power tool with a water supply that reduces dust
- 37 Cuts adjacent to Delmonico steaks
- 38 Larger of Mars's two moons, whose name is Greek for "fear"
- 39 Slung, in slang
- 43 Absorbed

- 44 Duct tape's plethora
- 48 Free ___ (climbing method)
- 49 Collection agcy. with a commissioner
- 50 Elementary school textbook of yesteryear
- 53 Torque symbol from the Greek alphabet
- 54 "Palace," in Hindi
- 56 Butter-melting sites
- 58 Material that becomes what it often constructs, if you switch the second and fourth letters
- 59 Type of medical professional played by Ana de Armas in "Knives Out"
- 60 Looney Tunes character who is typically fuming?
- 61 Rhyming selection method after which the one with the slowest index finger is "It"

DOWN

- 1 Tree resin in Christmas candles
- 2 Korean Air alternative
- 3 Extend a visit
- 4 Go wrong
- 5 Harmony Cobel or Seth Milchick, on "Severance"

1	B	A	S	E	B	A	L	L		9	P	A	P	E	R				
14	A	S	T	R	O	N	A	U	T	15		16	A	G	A	M	E		
17	L	I	A	R	S	D	I	C	E		18	C	O	D	E	R			
19	S	A	Y		20	S	Y	R	I	N	G	E		22	S	R	O		
23	A	N	O	N		24		25	S	A	T	E		26	P	E	A	L	
27	M	A	N	O	R	S		28	29		30	O	H	H	E	L	L		
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38	P	H	O	B	O	S				39	Y	E	E	40	41	42	T	E	D
43	R	A	P	T		44	45	46	47			48	S	O	L	O			
49	I	R	S		50	S	P	E	L	L	E	R		52		53	T	A	U
54	M	A	H	A	L			56	S	T	O	V	E	T	O	P	S		
58	A	D	O	B	E			59	H	O	M	E	N	U	R	S	E		
60	L	E	P	E	W			61	N	O	S	E	G	O	E	S			

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- 6 ___ Serkis, actor in many motion-capture roles
- 7 Hideouts
- 8 Saint ___ (island nation south of Martinique)
- 9 Burn off nervous energy, perhaps
- 10 Adverb like "back"
- 11 Thai noodle dish served with a slight char from the wok
- 12 Word with City or Isle
- 13 Frequent action when playing craps
- 15 Rental for an outdoor wedding
- 21 Branch of earth science that might examine the equatorial bulge
- 24 Gwen Stefani's band
- 26 They've often been coined
- 28 Company in Mr. Microphone infomercials (CONOR anagram)
- 29 Is a sycophant (to)
- 31 Swiftiness
- 33 Cold call?
- 34 First name in Russian literature
- 35 "I should get there by ..."
- 36 Where a transmission might go missin'?
- 37 Obvious front
- 38 Like many instincts
- 40 Title "neighbor" in a Miyazaki film
- 41 Slip past on a clock
- 42 Extinguishes
- 45 Casual meeting?
- 46 John with an EGOT
- 47 Effect in an iconic "Chariots of Fire" scene
- 50 Lot
- 51 Anticipatory times
- 52 Thinker Descartes
- 55 Prez on pennies
- 57 Barge puller

Themeless

Ben Tolkin

ACROSS

- 1 Nation in the Six Nations rugby championship along with England, France, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales, apparently
- 6 Gel for growing bacteria
- 10 "Insecure" creator Rae
- 14 Lonesome calf
- 15 Got up
- 16 Speak first, at a comedy set
- 17 Speak even before the person in 16-Across I guess
- 18 Conductor and namesake of Massachusetts's best ice cream shop
- 20 Makes plain?
- 22 Pic on a biceps
- 23 Kick line?
- 25 Band whose best song and video is "This Too Shall Pass"
- 28 Keeps in, as an editor
- 29 Subject of "Guerrillero Heroico"
- 30 One featured in 47-Across
- 32 "Just because, that's why!"
- 35 Many characters on "The Pitt"
- 36 "___ All That" (2021 gender-swapped remake of a 1999 teen comedy)

- 37 Even further away than thither
- 38 Ran into
- 39 "Y'all come back now, ___?"
- 41 Label on a delicious-looking silica packet
- 43 They followed tapes
- 44 Dawn, old-timily
- 46 :
- 47 "Inside the NBA" segment where... Diesel fumes?
- 50 Interjection popularized by 1952's "Blackbeard the Pirate"
- 51 Like many an online ad
- 55 Prime Minister from "New Labour"
- 57 The cruellest month, according to T. S. Eliot
- 58 Within
- 59 Rears at sea?
- 60 Symbols of England or Ethiopia
- 61 Brings home
- 62 Wild side?
- 63 "Dear ___" - 2024 film in which a dyslexic child accidentally writes to 47-Down

DOWN

- 1 Picked out, maybe
- 2 Large volume
- 3 Part of the CIA?
- 4 Be draped on

1	I	T	A	L	Y		A	G	A	R		I	S	S	A				
14	D	O	G	I	E		15	R	O	S	E		16	O	P	E	N		
17	E	M	C	E	E		18	T	O	S	C	19	A	N	I	N	I		
20	D	E	Y	A	S		21	S	I	F	I	E	S		22	T	A	T	
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25	26	27	O	K	G	O		28	S	T	E	T	S		29	C	H	E	
30	H	O	O	P	31	S	T	E	R		32	I	S	A	Y	S	34	O	
35	M	D	S		36	H	E	S		37	Y	O	N		38	M	E	T	
39	Y	A	H	40	E	A	R		41	D	O	N	O	42	T	E	A	T	
		43	C	D	S		44	45	S	U	N	U	P		46	I	S	T	O
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61	N	E	T	S		62	W	E	S	T		63	S	A	N	T	A		

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- 5 "Cripes"
- 6 "L.E.S. ___" - song that Santigold had to clarify "it's not a French thing," but about pretentious Manhattanites
- 7 Further off the wall?
- 8 It counts for a point in a hockey player's statistics
- 9 Microgenre of feel-good dance anthems from the late 2000s
- 10 It carries a charge
- 11 Freestyle, maybe
- 12 One of 100 colored dots on a chart
- 13 "Sweet Love" singer Baker
- 19 Executioner's tool in ancient Egypt
- 21 Nicole Richie and Cameron Diaz, e.g.
- 24 Obama-era health legislature, initially
- 25 "Good lord!"
- 26 Film that debuted in 1935?
- 27 "Phooey!"
- 31 Pop song "___ La La" or rock group ___ Na Na
- 33 Word before Cat or Caps
- 34 Any of the first three Holy Roman Emperors
- 37 Response to "Want to try this Icelandic fermented shark?"
- 40 Letters of the law??
- 41 Genetic testing tools
- 42 Food fish originally native to the Nile
- 45 Hairy, slangily
- 47 Entity accidentally summoned at Christmas in the film mentioned at 63-Down
- 48 Place to get washed
- 49 Iridescent gems
- 52 "King James," for short
- 53 It gets caught in a trap
- 54 Ubiquitous Halloween costume of 2014
- 56 RB's gains

The Crossword: Monday, August 18, 2025

Erik Agard

ACROSS

- 1 Yellow ingredient in a cake, perhaps
- 5 What Cordyceps is a genus of
- 11 Tuning leaders for orchestras
- 13 "Pure ____" (2013 Lorde album)
- 14 Polymer in some Ping-Pong paddles
- 16 Try to reproduce
- 17 Opening for a thread
- 18 Stelliform parts of some moles
- 20 N.F.L. quarterback Smith
- 21 Trail of information left by an internet user, so to speak
- 24 Moving targets?
- 25 Ad infinitum
- 26 Exec concerned with budget allocation
- 29 Hot-tub features
- 30 Actor Wallach
- 31 Become less frigid
- 32 Texting abbreviation
- 33 Native people also known as the Nakota

- 37 Birds of prey seen in old-growth forests in the Pacific Northwest
- 38 Second most densely populated U.S. state
- 39 Places with exhibits
- 40 Put back to the default
- 41 ____ au vin
- 44 Laughs with delight
- 46 Feeling of familiarity
- 48 Tap alternative
- 49 Mettle-detecting question
- 50 Northern New Jersey county named for a southern English county
- 51 Demographic of most pro-sports draft picks in 2025, briefly

DOWN

- 1 Farm fitting
- 2 Follow
- 3 They're deployed during some snail courtship rituals
- 4 "Good Burger" star Mitchell
- 5 Lead-in to slash, in fan fiction

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11	O	B	O	E	S							13	H	E	R	O	I	N	E				
14	K	E	V	L	A	15	R			16	S	I	M	U	L	A	T	E					
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- 6 Host and winner of the first FIFA World Cup
- 7 At that
- 8 Tall tale figure?
- 9 A thing ____ itself
- 10 Notice
- 12 South Carolina river
- 13 Term of address for some religious leaders
- 15 Word after pot or dark
- 16 Pan and others
- 19 Kept in isolation
- 22 French ____ (region hosting the 2030 Winter Olympics)
- 23 Spelman's city, for short
- 24 Look
- 25 Attire for a king or queen, briefly?
- 26 Minor responsibility?
- 27 Things with blades
- 28 "What do I ____ you?"
- 31 End of many city nicknames
- 33 Philip or Thomas, but not Michael
- 34 Landscaping material
- 35 Did nothing
- 36 Went sailing, say
- 37 Bets against, in a way
- 38 Targets of salon touch-ups
- 39 Dynasty that followed the Shang
- 42 Cobbler's place
- 43 Ask a lot of?
- 44 Member of TV's "big three" that airs Big3 games
- 45 Clark's comic-book nemesis
- 47 British luxury car, casually

ACROSS

- 1 Low growth
- 8 Green party?
- 12 Shared loads?
- 16 Game that's over in the blink of an eye
- 17 Bit of sign language?
- 18 Moves quickly?
- 19 Made a lap
- 21 Small plates of fish
- 23 Argentine "other"
- 24 "Watch this space" letters
- 27 Oscar nominee Gladstone
- 28 Penchant
- 29 Go badly?
- 31 Fume
- 32 Fried fish at the Minnesota State Fair
- 33 Long-haired cat breed
- 34 Minor keys?
- 35 Curry and others
- 36 Bob Marley's "___ Little Birds"
- 37 Macro type
- 38 Medical discipline with a five-year residency, for short
- 39 Round in a poker tournament
- 40 Tandoori flatbread
- 42 Lady bird
- 43 Classic rock singer
- 44 Literature Nobelism Tokarczuk
- 48 Not too dirty
- 52 Paperwork to let someone go
- 53 Hungrily rummage through
- 54 Class with a mean teacher?

DOWN

- 1 "Verily!"
- 2 Atop
- 3 Name-dropping abbr.
- 4 Bite on a rope or cluster
- 5 First sign of spring

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- 6 Holiday ___
- 7 Pilates movement
- 8 Some models with click wheels
- 9 AED experts
- 10 Rhyme of "Romeo" in the last couplet of "Romeo and Juliet"
- 11 Peter Pan's destination
- 13 Immune system components
- 14 Matt who lived in a van down by the river on "SNL"
- 15 Picture with a lot of space
- 20 Arcade handful
- 22 They're fired before being sent home
- 23 Pajama Day attire
- 24 What a load of junk!
- 25 Salvation Army volunteer
- 26 Out
- 28 Australian model Miranda
- 29 Justin.tv successor
- 30 "Mayor ___": national politics moniker
- 31 Balkan natives
- 33 "Beau Is Afraid" theme
- 35 Has second thoughts
- 37 Moans and groans
- 40 Oily compound
- 41 Animal butters?
- 43 Indigenous people known for reindeer herding
- 45 Bullet train?
- 46 Blowout
- 47 Grinding along
- 49 New ___: cap brand
- 50 Start to show
- 51 Short records, for short

Making It Work

by Lisa Senzel & Will Nediger/Edited by Mike Shenk

ACROSS

- 1 Use Drano on
- 7 Year's record
- 12 In disarray
- 19 2005 Matthew McConaughey movie
- 20 Shower sponge
- 22 Upscale
- 23 Vampire killer
- 24 Dojo mat
- 25 1960s cartoon hero with antennae
- 26 I dated a Communist, but he ___
- 29 Mini albums, for short
- 30 Unauthorized streams?
- 31 Opening day pitcher
- 34 Split level?
- 38 I dated a baseball player, but ultimately he was ___
- 43 Donning commencement attire
- 44 Una que ___ vez (once in a while)
- 45 Wind off of a spool
- 46 I dated an electrician, but we ___
- 51 "The A-Team" co-star
- 52 Pay to play
- 53 Solemn vow
- 54 Morse syllable
- 55 Came down in buckets
- 59 Band booster
- 60 Donovan of "Sabrina the Teenage Witch"
- 62 Paperless exams
- 63 I dated a tennis pro, but ___
- 71 Budget rival
- 72 Box office figure
- 73 Dawn goddess
- 74 Eva of "Ghost Rider"
- 76 Qatar export
- 77 Tunnel effect
- 79 Unexceptional

- 83 Japan's longest-serving prime minister
- 84 I dated a firefighter, but ___
- 88 Cared for a friend's loyal friend, say
- 91 Earns, after expenses
- 92 Canine cover
- 93 I dated an author, but we weren't ___
- 98 Like Hera, according to Homer
- 99 Corporate VIP
- 100 Still in the game
- 101 Shout of insight
- 102 Now I've started dating a watchmaker, and ___
- 112 Drawing rooms?
- 115 Origami creations
- 116 Tranquil
- 117 Bygone self-serve eatery
- 118 Switch type
- 119 With nobody to turn to
- 120 Small sneakers?
- 121 Passed out
- 122 "The Communist Manifesto" co-author

DOWN

- 1 Cold War initials
- 2 "The Lion King" lioness
- 3 Spiced brew
- 4 Chip brand
- 5 Willie who was the first Black player in the NHL
- 6 Figure traditionally sporting a pointy hat and a beard
- 7 Choir section
- 8 Linguist Chomsky
- 9 Thing you might use to score?
- 10 Miles away
- 11 2021 NBA Rookie of the Year Ball
- 12 Like the taste of liquid barium
- 13 Go dateless for a while, maybe
- 14 Extremely eager
- 15 Resistance units

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120	W	E	A	S	E	L	S					121	D	E	A	L	T				122	E	N	G	E	L	S

2025 The Wall Street Journal

- 16 Crumpet's go-with
- 17 Stop for a wayfarer
- 18 Summer hrs. in Chicago
- 21 Sharp, on a TV
- 27 Self-care site
- 28 Relatives, slangily
- 31 Number on a card, maybe
- 32 Stick for breaking
- 33 Sinuous swimmer
- 34 Windfall
- 35 Neighbor
- 36 River past Memphis
- 37 "Furthermore..."
- 38 Texter's "Then again..."
- 39 Caterer's container
- 40 Bygone M&M's color
- 41 Establishes
- 42 Conductor Toscanini
- 43 Letters once on 30 Rock
- 44 Halloween mo.
- 47 Spanish snack
- 48 Shapes the narrative?
- 49 Wallet fill
- 50 Like the baht
- 56 Cheering syllable
- 57 Peyton Manning's brother
- 58 Prestigious mil. award
- 59 Single-celled creatures
- 60 Sherlock's sleuthing sister in books and movies
- 61 Part of UCLA
- 63 Escape
- 64 World Cup cheer
- 65 Furniture hauler
- 66 Hyphen's longer kin
- 67 WWF and CARE, e.g.
- 68 Fall head over heels?
- 69 Classic soft drink
- 70 What a role model serves as
- 75 Stops being aimless
- 77 Eldest Haim sister
- 78 S&L offerings
- 79 Deferment
- 80 "You're not the boss ___!"
- 81 Iditarod need
- 82 Olive in the funnies
- 85 Vaccine basis
- 86 College party staple
- 87 Miami-to-NYC heading
- 88 Med school grad
- 89 Single
- 90 Classic Pontiac
- 94 VIP rosters
- 95 1004, in Roman numerals
- 96 Kick out
- 97 Booth Tarkington book
- 98 Shout of surprise
- 101 Practical skill
- 102 Couple at the altar?
- 103 Invisible box captive
- 104 British general Thomas at Bunker Hill
- 105 Swenson of "Benson"
- 106 Spill the beans
- 107 North Carolina university
- 108 Zesty flavor
- 109 Slurpee alternative
- 110 Rumor generator?
- 111 Ben & Jerry's rival
- 112 Dated
- 113 Wed. preceder
- 114 Hagen of Broadway

Just One Clue 2! (ft. 138 Cluers!)

Frisco17 (grid) + Gizmo Thwomp (organization) + 136 other amazing people

ACROSS

- 1 Got mad as hell and wasn't gonna take this anymore, perhaps [seasonal] (Maxx Birch)
- 6 big butte [Cameron Baba]
- 10 Pointless writer? [Howard Barkin]
- 13 <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OXDQ7MyruwYdeiVt25AKpMFzHfFe9K/view?usp=sharing> [ruiner_ii]
- 16 Like rain on your wedding day, if you're a wedding planner marrying a meteorologist [oon pahk]
- 18 Polar line [JoshSolves]
- 19 *Macbeth* and *The Matrix* motif [Zach Sherwin]
- 20 It's countered with a jab [Andrew Lim]
- 21 What stops someone from using the incorrect fork at a formal meal (as opposed to the obviously much more correct slightly smaller fork) [acommotrose]
- 23 Caesar's frenemy addressed animal (5) [Neville Fogarty]
- 24 "So do the proud men die, crucified, not on a cross of gold, but on a stake of humble ___ (Narrator, on the death of the Green Goblin) [T. Campbell]
- 25 *no rapping tonight? why? you rap about patrick swazye everytime, it's embarrassing! ok [after one beer] uh oh y'all it's getting kinda ___ (legendary tweet by murrman5) [WordNerdBird]
- 26 Render usable after a snowstorm, maybe [Elise Corbin]
- 27 Lynch-penned film with a pencil factory [Trent H. Evans]
- 29 TO GET THE ANSWER TO THIS ENTRY, SOLVE THIS 7x7 ROTATIONALLY SYMMETRICAL DIAGRAMLESS CROSSWORD: 1A. Actress Thompson / 4A. Of a cow, or a cow's output in German / 6A. Nebraska metropolis / 7A. Neither's partner / 9A. Program that reads out donos / 10A. ___ for Bart is ___ for anarchy! / 12A. Mexican coins / 13A. Workout unit / 1D. Letters seen above x* / 2D. Makes overjoyed / 3D. Drei + funf / 4D. Depressed; gum / 5D. Possesses / 7D. Short snooze / 8D. With "the" and "11D. Like this... where diagramless meta-clue thing... or where you'll find its answer (which is abbreviated, btw) / 11D. Inception prop [sus1d1p]
- 30 Laces up? [Ricky Billingsgate]
- 31 Elderly crossword streamer and Republican coked with awful urine (6) [Roy Johnson]
- 32 Poor soul hides, kinda (2,2) [RofisALot]
- 33 Party game whose purported record height is 40 * levels [Matt Gritzmacher]
- 34 Percussive instrument that often comes in pairs [LlamaFarmers]
- 35 *x, for 1 + x + x^2/2! + x^3/3! + * [Lila Goldenberg]
- 36 Name you could give to pretty much any mysterious colored liquid in a party bowl, regardless of how much shit is in it [Ryan Judge]
- 37 "A hundred men ___" (unit of humanity in Toto's "Africa" that is unable to drag the protagonist away from... Africa? Who knows) [Ben Zimmer]
- 38 Make one's thoughts *very* well known to, say [Sid Sivakumar]
- 41 *Ivan Meets ___* (The Clash song satirizing the tensions of the Cold War) [cartier]
- 42 Success at basketball leads to hoots and hollers? (6) / ALT: Either side of Calipso after sacrificing self in exchange for start of saga (6) [akatokey]
- 43 Material for artworks collected in a gypothecae [Matthew Luter]
- 44 Like the data in big data, backwards? [Taran Krishnamurthy]
- 45 Function that turns 0 into 1 [Zachary Gallardo]
- 46 Act like me with respect to words (especially given the self-imposed 5-minute time constraint I set for myself) to give a clue for this (owing to the fact that I took a long time to write my clue for the previous collab (but this information will not help you solve the clue)), with "into this clue" (or maybe that's not quite the correct grammatical use of *with* in crossword clues but it's close enough) (have fun) [Jacob *Conflux* Cohen, Puzler Emeritus]

- 47 Pleasantly surprising 2013 Oscar winner about what artificial intelligence might REALLY be like (not at all what "AI" is now which isn't intelligent at all AMIRITE) [evieshmeeps]
- 48 *Good Will Hunting* screenwriting Oscar co-winner who never dated or married Jennifer, to our knowledge, even once [Ben Bass]
- 49 Mob in the Like A Dragon video game series [Max Kurzman]
- 50 You can make them from borax and glue (yuck!) or oatmeal, applesauce, vanilla pudding, and green food coloring (yum!) [Jamie Ding]
- 52 This puzzle, I would say [Frisco17]
- 58 * ___ gamers* -the joker if we lived in a backwards society [Wally]
- 59 Parts of banana splits (6) [Liar]
- 60 Woodwind instrument that can be found nonconsecutively in the name of a brass instrument [Mack Meller]
- 61 2005 PSP game featuring Drunken Mayor, Happy Bullet, and Caddy's Quest that I saw at the retro game store after having to drop a college class and go home early because nobody told me it was in French [Dorkslove]
- 64 Species that first appeared onscreen in 1983 [Kiran Pandey]
- 65 What some belts do [Sara Cantor]
- 66 Your favorite cookie's favorite cookies [Kaye Brown]
- 67 Respect, as a judicial decision [Micah Sommersmith]
- 69 Nintendo villain/Nintendo CEO Doug (no relation) [Will Eisenberg]
- 70 Always wearing a scarf, for example [Chris Piuma]
- 71 Fast-casual restaurant in the phone number (909-___-0) for The Distraction, the Defector podcast [Tyler Hinman]
- 72 Diggs portrayed in the Miku Binder Thomas Jefferson meme [Ada Nicole]
- 73 They change the color of brass [John Hawksley]
- 74 "Wild thing" to go in rap encyclopedia (3) [Bob Weisz]
- 75 Cards often removed from a deck [malaiika]
- 76 People destined to succeed? [Rachel Fabi]
- 77 Runoff at the mouth [John Kugelman]
- 79 Brings LA donuts, having lost one - not (6) [Gennady Gorin]
- 80 Square meal that's kosher [Dan Schwartz]
- 81 Sound from an electric flyswatter [Jasper Davidoff]
- 84 Essex-based garage rock band, or my reaction upon realizing that the best angle for this entry is the Essex-based garage rock band [Gizmo Thwomp]
- 86 Plane crashed into mountainous country (5) [Mike D]
- 87 "Nothing can stop us now. ___ on a roll!" [Sally Hoelscher]
- 88 Fish stick? [Kieran J. Boyd]
- 89 "Listen, lad..." [Brian Callahan]
- 90 Trippy music genre that's likely to run into copyright trouble [Adam Aaronson]
- 92 Coding tool controversially restricted by Reddit in 2023: Abbr. [Dan Feyer]
- 93 It looks like a st. criminal coin (4) [Riley E. Smith]
- 94 Defend oneself against, in a (possibly cringe-inducing) way [Quiara Vasquez]
- 95 Box opener? [Jenna LaFleur]
- 96 How a sign might describe the paint on the bench you just sat on [Aaron Riccio]
- 97 🐞🐜🐛🐜🐛🐜 [Gwen Goldenberg]
- 98 What's made with a twist [Chandi Deitmer]
- 99 shitty cubicle [carly they/themsen]

DOWN

- 1 Says hellos and trips (5) [Loplop]
- 2 What one might use to paddle a canoe (if you are one of the, like, 23 people who uses the Metaverse™ for some reason?) [JordanTangle]
- 3 Helluva thing [Owen Bergstein]

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- 4 Meta answer for the feeder answers RATTIER, VINER, ADDED, and BOY [Ricky Cruz]
- 5 Name for endless time (3) [Brohan]
- 6 Armani label captures heart of Philippines (6) [Samet Demircan]
- 7 Ace finally going down on the turn, holding clubs and aces in suits (5) [Pilaté]
- 8 Father's anger (4) [jmsr525]
- 9 Donkey tail (3) [NoraH]
- 10 Ugh, this makes me sick! [Matt Forest]
- 11 Complete and total [Kate Chin Park]
- 12 One who is? [Jake Eakle]
- 13 post doing numbers [arctan]
- 14 Sail away, initially to the north perhaps [skaldskaparmal]
- 15 Benjamin's nickname [Wyna Liu]
- 17 Rhythm from California to end disastrous Christian era (7) [Rich I]
- 19 Home of the "Mr. Crunchy" [Layna]
- 22 Sound whose equivalent is "gnägg" in Swedish, "xxx" (hi-ing) in Korean, and "runkk" in Afrikaans (well, at least according to Wikipedia) [Dragonengineer97]
- 23 Regularly going by rail across dense vegetation (6) [Jack H Keynes]
- 27 ___ is scooters. ___ is five young people on one bench sharing a chocolate bar. ___ - Mike Myers [Emma Lawson]
- 28 https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JlIT9DzP6V6EK_KethZELkXVhYt-VIew2usp=sharing [Paolo Pasco]
- 30 After spending practically everything on VFX, money's coming up short for Marvel movie (5) [Joeldulman]
- 31 *When we talk about actors who were perfect for their roles I don't think we talk about Mary Elizabeth Winstead enough. Like seriously, how did she change her color on command like that? * Man who's never talked to a woman in his life. [KikiStreams]
- 32 One-l version of a word that can have anywhere from zero to two 's [Will Nediger]
- 34 Musical alias for French director Quentin Dupieux, whose 2008 album *Lamb* has a cover based on the film *Un Chien Andalou* [Max Blechman]
- 35 The "hands" in "all hands on deck!" [Andrew Kingsley]
- 36 Bad first guess for Horsie ([snagaway])
- 37 "Love to!" [meatdaddy69420]
- 38 takes to task for "allegedly" committing neopets stock market securities fraud, for example [kelsey dixon]
- 39 Fun run freebie [Brendan Emmett Quigley]
- 40 Ferry between the banks to go the wrong way (3) [Andy Yingsit]
- 41 New Ager's neutral on cars (4) [djob olin]
- 42 PC charged to 100%? [Dave Ritterskamp]
- 43 Like Thanksgiving groceries: stuffing, soup, rice, yams (6) [totch]
- 44 Second part of a hip-hop group's name that *would* mean 1,600 if Roman numerals didn't have rules about letter sequences [jackofallspades98]
- 45 It may be filled with silver [Andrew Esten]
- 46 Like a clever, self-referential clue [Joah]
- 49 West African people welcome spice blend with pinch of ajwain (6) [dadgumituh]
- 50 Like ice with a haircut? [Irisamelia]
- 51 A newspaper has many of them; a house only has a few [AncientCosmographer]
- 53 He's consumed by major retail therapy, mainly - it's a ball (6) [Deanne Cliburn]
- 54 What a grammar teacher does when a student gets the "present" and "future" versions of these mixed up [Janani K. Jha]
- 55 Takes a helicopter, perhaps [Andy Kravis]
- 56 North European covid [catherinewheel8]
- 57 Contents of an Excel cell with green conditional formatting, perhaps [Clev Cong]
- 61 Forward: 2020 song with a music video featuring tigers and leopards / Backward: Part of a tiger or a leopard [erik aragat]
- 62 Non-existent cause that the Bluth family raised money for, on "Arrested Development" [Alex Boisvert]
- 63 Last minute changes, perhaps [StJtb]
- 65 Desires fellow soldiers? (6) [Spencer Leach]
- 66 Back on track?? [Ryan McCarty]
- 68 How profound! [Steve Mossberg]
- 69 supermarket section that might stock tiny plastic balloons [Kate Hawkins]
- 70 A teeny weeny baby sized test, or an app to help you study for one [TehSaxophonist]
- 72 Please continue to follow lackey leader of gang wants eliminating (2,2,2) [Chris Evans]
- 73 Copper, for one, caught a criminal (finally) (5) [Nate Cardin]
- 75 Rodent that's approximately 30% legs [HotArcane]
- 76 Come with Solo to smuggle medical supplies (6) [Probably Apocryphal]
- 77 Son raised corn for fodder (5) [brknFixie]
- 78 With any luck, phoenix is reborn (just one of the last three made it) (1,4) [Gandapestile]
- 79 ___ Dallas Howard who directed 3 episodes of *The Mandalorian* [Matt Quintanilla]
- 80 User who writes text that's very impactful? [Ro Ramdin]
- 81 Half-heartedly dazzle dancing princess of gamers (5) [JM]
- 82 Disney princess whose movie, played backwards and removing the ending scenes, has her get her sea legs [___ Haymarket]
- 83 Film between "X" and "MaXXXine" in a recent horror trilogy [Ryan Patrick Smith]
- 85 How to get away with those from teahouse? [Ben Tolkien]
- 86 Granny held back in San Antonio (4) [Evan Birnholz]
- 87 *Clang, clang, clang ___ the trolley* (Judy Garland lyric) [Philip Chow]
- 90 UK TV provider's debut of Sonic & Knuckles? Yes! (3) [Glentopher]
- 91 Put down compact disc (3) [longyfan]

Self-Starters

Jonathan Raksin and Jeff Chen

ACROSS

- 1 "Am not!" comeback
- 6 Research money
- 11 Actress Fisher
- 15 Name hidden in "took aim"
- 18 Pacific island nation
- 19 "Dune" actor Jason
- 20 Whirl
- 21 Pirates' cries
- 22 Have no information, or a phonetic hint to the circled word below this answer
- 24 Pens such as Clic Stics
- 25 Retwisted hairstyle
- 26 Slender
- 27 Spot IRL, or a phonetic hint to the circled word crossing this answer
- 30 "The ___ Witch Project"
- 32 Narrow cut
- 33 Vegas resort home to the world's largest glass sculpture
- 34 Settings for some chase scenes
- 37 Certain X-ray
- 39 Insurance worker
- 40 Dancer de Mille
- 41 Certain towed car
- 43 Boglike habitat
- 45 "Before" of yore
- 46 Company that bought Angry Birds
- 47 Kitchenware brand
- 48 Cincinnati team
- 49 @@@
- 51 Songs like "Amazing Grace"
- 53 R.E.M. singer Michael
- 55 Three-sport race, for short
- 56 One of 366 in 2024
- 59 Burkina ___
- 60 Bucatini or ziti
- 61 Pentagon, e.g.
- 63 Hesitant sounds
- 64 Drop the ball

- 65 Nearly identical duo, or a phonetic hint to the circled word crossing this answer
- 68 "You've got mail" co.
- 69 ___ room (social space)
- 70 Rabbits' relatives
- 71 Foul smells
- 72 Greasy
- 74 So-so
- 75 Sinus doc
- 76 Tennis star Osaka
- 77 Social standards
- 79 Chess piece worth three points (Abbr.)
- 80 Loch ___ Monster
- 83 Red table wine, for short
- 84 Comic Trevor
- 85 Label for H.E.R.
- 87 Flummox
- 89 Departed
- 90 Very, in Italian
- 91 Bobbing things in lakes
- 93 One-eighth part
- 95 Deteriorate
- 97 Betrothal
- 99 Caramel candy brand
- 101 "My mistake!"
- 102 "For what reason ...," or a phonetic hint to the circled word crossing this answer
- 104 A pop
- 105 Possible score after deuce
- 106 "That hits the spot!"
- 107 Spy satellite, e.g., or a phonetic hint to the circled word crossing this answer
- 112 Boxing venue
- 113 "Nick at ___"
- 114 Some entertainment on the web
- 115 Orange Muppet
- 116 Brain test, briefly
- 117 Took a card
- 118 Analyze, like silver

1	A	R	E	S	O		6	G	R	A	N	T		11	I	S	L	A		15	K	A	I			
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- 119 River ___ (landform)

DOWN

- 1 _l_-oints _ulletin
- 2 "Barbie" actress Issa
- 3 NFL great Manning
- 4 Denizens of New Mexico's capital
- 5 Bests at the Home Run Derby, say
- 6 FBI guys
- 7 Fishing pole
- 8 Build up over time
- 9 Philips ___ (shaver brand)
- 10 "Here, this is for you"
- 11 Library ID
- 12 Rap skillfully
- 13 Mosslike growths
- 14 Photographer Adams
- 15 Nickelback front man Chad

- 16 Inverse trig function
- 17 Has gone kaput
- 21 Family-friendly rating words
- 23 "Big Hero 6" protagonist
- 28 Response at the front door
- 29 Tampa's state (Abbr.)
- 30 Like a golf round without any scores over par
- 31 1930s Red Army retreat
- 34 Impulsive
- 35 Major League Baseball, e.g.
- 36 Raunchy recording
- 38 Scoundrel
- 42 Balances
- 44 Silent Marx brother
- 48 Thinks logically
- 50 Attached with rope
- 52 "Subsequently ..."

- 54 School grp.
- 55 Capitalizes on
- 56 Acting assignments in "Adaptation" and "Hamilton"
- 57 Greeting on International Talk Like a Pirate Day
- 58 Fashion monogram
- 61 Total bore
- 62 Injuring
- 64 Hesitant sound
- 66 Desires
- 67 Activist ___ B. Wells
- 73 Layer above us that reflects radio waves
- 78 Wearing boots, say
- 79 Toppling, in boxing
- 80 Cluster into a central point
- 81 CPR expert
- 82 Former VP Agnew
- 85 Novelist Salman

- 86 Mimicking
- 88 Exactly
- 89 "Actually, that's correct"
- 90 Was a freeloader
- 91 "Watch out!"
- 92 Day light?
- 94 LPGA great Ochoa
- 96 Precisely
- 98 Get up
- 100 Surname that's an anagram of "dotes"
- 103 "That was a close call!"
- 104 Covetous feeling
- 108 "Isn't ___ pity?"
- 109 Show with a Five-Timers Club, for short
- 110 Baby fox
- 111 Assent in the House

Across

- 1 STOP! hammer type
- 9 yuletide revelers
- 15 high-end travel?
- 17 "i come in peace!"
- 18 prince fandom?
- 20 "am i up?"
- 21 reddit q&a
- 22 athapaskan-speaking Indigenous group
- 23 where u at?
- 25 "lupin" protagonist assane ____
- 26 weeklong celebration in vietnam
- 27 course after which one might need a palette cleanser?
- 28 popper of note
- 30 *spongebob* character believed to be the biological offspring of a crab and a whale
- 31 [🐼🐼🐼🐼🐼]
- 33 "i ask sooooo little of you!"
- 37 ____ culpa
- 38 does something by doing nothing
- 40 ancient fiddlehead?
- 41 puts on TV
- 42 "i'm about to ____ this man's whole career"
- 43 sugar-free gum brand
- 44 #very ____ #verybrave (nicole byer book)
- 45 "where the party at" group jagged ____
- 46 starter tool in *animal crossing*
- 47 formal cap
- 50 ingredient sometimes substituted for breadcrumbs in meatballs
- 51 deceptiveness
- 53 mornings, for short
- 55 ad ____
- 56 come into contact
- 58 foil holder
- 59 equally bad
- 63 like the dial of a princess phone
- 64 desires
- 65 fandom creation that might have a "felonious gru/minions", "bisexual mary magdalene", or "reichenbach falls coffeeshop au" tag
- 66 some characters on *the pitt*
- 67 removes wrinkles
- 68 "if the penalty for a crime is a ____, then that law only exists for the lower class"
- 69 equipment for a zine workshop

- 72 *the black jacobins* author ____ james
- 73 many arena theme night giveaways
- 74 someone who's unmatched on bumble?
- 75 ____ bering, of bering strait fame
- 79 prose pros (abbr.)
- 80 gateway ____ (eero saarinen tourist trap on the mississippi)
- 81 last-night-of-summer-camp performance
- 82 make a last-minute, winning ebay bid on a vintage 90s nike charles barkley 1993 mvp single-stitch t-shirt, for example
- 83 son of mariah carey, twin of 49-down
- 84 eclipse a star
- 89 standardized test for an mba program
- 90 run ____ of (come into conflict with)
- 92 like buffalo and bison
- 93 reply that used to trigger an '80s-style thumbs-up animation on facebook
- 95 system discussed on r/foodstamps
- 96 designer browne, who dressed angel reese for the 2025 met gala
- 97 "we have tomorrow / bright before us / like ____" (langston hughes)
- 99 voice-activated assistant that has a favorite color but not a favorite movie
- 100 miami ____ (defunct wnba team)
- 101 defeat on points?
- 103 like big bags bussin' out the bentley bentayga
- 107 foremost
- 108 organization that includes nupes and ques
- 109 de-briefs?
- 110 msg headache?

Down

- 1 early development step
- 2 santa ____, california
- 3 the ____s (pop-punk girl group who opened for the rolling stones)
- 4 surname, or what *ou'd have to do to fix this clue's formatting
- 5 "now, please!"
- 6 raison d' ____
- 7 some settings on *the pitt*
- 8 government agency whose original name was "the hygienic laboratory"
- 9 roscoe hamilton and rocco thompson, e.g.
- 10 ooh and ____
- 11 class judgement?
- 12 like ariana grande's iconic 2015 donut shop treatise
- 13 exactly
- 14 stand-up props?
- 15 mlm, for example
- 16 papel ____ (traditional mexican craft)
- 17 school in tallahassee
- 18 *nathan for you* genre
- 19 word after "que" or "el"
- 20 "invoking my constitutional right to shut the fuck up"
- 24 antagonists in many reductress headlines
- 28 "hog butcher for the world / tool maker, stacker of ____" ("chicago", carl sandburg)

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21	A	M	A		22	D	E	N	E		23	C	A	M	P	U	S		25	D	I	O	P					
26	T	E	T		27	A	R	T		28	W	E	A	S	E	L		30	P	E	A	R	L					
31	I	S	E		32	E		33	Y	O	U	H	A	D	O	N	E	35	36	J	O	B		37	M	E	A	
38	R	E	S	T	S				40	N	E	R	O				41	A	I	R	S		42	E	N	D		
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83	R	O	C			84	S	T	E	A	L	T	H	E	S	H	O	W		87	88		89	G	M	A	T	
90	A	F	O		91	U	L			92	B	O	V	I	N	E		93	R	A	D		95	E	B	T		
96	T	H	O	M			97	A	F	L	A	M	E			99	S	I	R	I		100	S	O	L			
101	O	U	T	A		102	R	G	U	E			103	A	L	L	I	T	E	R	A	T	I	V	E			
107	P	R	E	M	I	E	R						108	D	I	V	I	N	E	N	I	N	E					
109	S	T	R	I	P	S									110	T	E	X	T	N	E	C	K					

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- 54 vehicle often spotted during the studbudz all-star stream
- 57 old-timey adverb hidden in things of the past
- 58 "matter of ____ ..."
- 59 certain species in the *land before time* gang
- 60 -min. periods
- 61 comic ____ (font feted annually in the netherlands)
- 62 lust or gluttony or wrath or celtics fandom
- 68 image in some optical illusions
- 70 increase secured by a union
- 71 cars at charging stations, for short
- 73 ____ anniversary (milestone sometimes called a rebirthday)
- 76 playing candy crush or watching vine compilations
- 77 on the roof or in the sky
- 78 come to terms
- 80 language spoken by carter bryant in some of his nba draft day interviews
- 81 vikings defense?
- 85 hawaiian for "long," as seen in the name of a major volcano
- 86 rating for *love island usa*
- 87 point in a certain direction
- 88 see 94-down
- 91 part of ketchup's flavor profile
- 94 with 88-down, musician on a 16-nomination-0-win streak at the oscars
- 97 experiences a side effect of not using adequate sun protection
- 98 material found in a shed?
- 99 pixy ____
- 102 "____ me" ("it's never been more over")
- 104 abridged books?
- 105 "... or so ____ heard"
- 106 it might be exacerbated by stress

5 — FLIP-TOPS

M	E	N	S	A		P	A	T		C	R	A	N	E		
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D	E	N	T	S			T	I	P			E	R	N	S	T

Westwords 2025 Puzzle 4: Go Dubs!

David Steinberg

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- 1 Thermometer feature
- 5 Insect that becomes a plant part when its first letter is moved to the end
- 9 Edibles in Ibiza, e.g.
- 14 BART part
- 15 Plays
- 16 Pick
- 17 Witch
- 19 Wrest
- 20 Looks both ways?
- 21 Dal accompaniment
- 22 Stopped lying
- 26 Waxed
- 30 Wailing
- 31 Cover in the kitchen
- 32 It might be dry or thin
- 33 Drawn without emotion
- 36 They might be in the studio for long stretches
- 38 Waddled
- 43 Admit
- 44 Small shape-shifter
- 45 Performance at 100-120 BPM
- 48 Touchdown stat
- 49 Women
- 50 Wedge
- 54 Cat walk accessory
- 55 "The last great crossover wrestling star," per the New York Times
- 56 Laptop brand
- 58 Whoops
- 60 Occasion where clues and answers follow directions ... as happens in this puzzle, in two senses?
- 65 Take the L
- 66 Stud fee
- 67 The third one is dangerous
- 68 Thwacks
- 69 Brain extension
- 70 Daytime ___

DOWN

- 1 Earn
- 2 Java server
- 3 Sweet-smelling chain
- 4 Tender spot?

1	B	U	L	B		5	F	L	E	A		9	T	A	P	A	S		
14	A	R	E	A		15	A	I	R	S		16	E	L	E	C	T		
17	G	N	I	R		18	E	K	N	A	H		19	X	A	L	E	R	
						20	S	E	E	S			21	R	O	T	I		
22	23	24	25			26	D	E	S	S	28	29	S	I	M	S	I	D	
30	K	C	I	S						31	L	I	D		32	I	C	E	
33	I	N	L	U	S	T			36	Y	O	G	I	S					
38	D	E	T	A	L	U	B	O	B	M	O	C	S	I	D		40	41	42
					43	L	E	T	O	N		44	A	M	O	E	B	A	
45	46	47			48	E	T	A				49	N	G	I	S			
50	Y	R	E	H	P	I	R	E	P			54	L	E	A	S	H		
55	C	E	N	A					56	V	A	I	O						
58	L	L	A	B	B				60	W	E	S	T	W	61	62	63	64	
65	E	A	T	I	T				66	A	N	T	E		67	R	A	I	L
68	S	W	A	T	S				69	S	T	E	M		70	E	M	M	Y

- 5 Like some flowers or friends
- 6 Ruled
- 7 Make off of, maybe
- 8 Shade of gray
- 9 Start of a rhyming cuisine's name
- 10 Nobody wants to hear it!
- 11 Speaker debut of the aughts
- 12 ___ acid
- 13 Big step
- 18 Controversial skill
- 22 Go sideways
- 23 Concealer target
- 24 The earth is on one
- 25 Standard
- 27 Annoying roommate, perhaps
- 28 "Odyssey" character
- 29 Square one, for one
- 34 Babies get more of it than their parents
- 35 Start of a rhyming ice cream flavor's name
- 36 Thataway
- 37 Tea treat
- 39 Male guinea pig
- 40 Owner of Angry Birds
- 41 Spoonbill relative
- 42 -
- 45 Rinse and dry
- 46 Focus that's not an actual major
- 47 Prenatal middle name?
- 51 An old one is hard to break
- 52 Happening
- 53 Computer command that can't be used first
- 54 Hushed
- 57 One thing, or two people
- 59 V's pop group
- 60 Common sight in history books
- 61 It might hold something precious
- 62 PC spec that's important to gamers
- 63 Turn down
- 64 On the ___

Westwords 2025 Puzzle 2: Suspension of Disbelief

Willa Angel Chen Miller

ACROSS

- 1 Swelled
- 5 Sea-Tac projection
- 8 Big thing in Montana
- 11 Pun producer, stereotypically
- 14 Fine-tune
- 15 Req. for some Caltech programs
- 16 Burj Khalifa's location: Abbr.
- 17 Ambient music pioneer Brian
- 18 Joint custody term
- 19 Certain chess plays
- 21 Device that can affect its user's balance
- 22 Home of five national parks and forty-seven Swig dirty soda shops
- 23 Perspiring
- 24 Rind-covered cheese
- 25 Big name in construction
- 26 Bleu, ____, et rouge (colors of the French flag)
- 27 Rummy action
- 28 Potential for a donation bin item
- 30 Contractual shutter-upper, briefly
- 31 Festoon
- 33 Something to wait in
- 35 "Do the rumors check out?"

- 37 Spanner here?
- 41 Exclamation while pointing to a baby photo, maybe
- 42 Negligible
- 43 One of 10,924, for Willie Mays
- 44 AOL alternative, once
- 46 Turns up?
- 49 Guadalajara greeting
- 50 Star-studded roster
- 52 ___ flats (Death Valley feature)
- 54 "Alouette" bird
- 55 Early wearable?
- 56 Aspen, e.g.
- 57 Latest thing?
- 58 So, so good
- 59 Setting for a roast
- 60 Letters between Mark Twain and Samuel Clemens
- 61 Period
- 62 Ninja Turtle nickname
- 63 Party where one might wear LED gloves
- 64 Artist with the first YouTube video to reach a billion views
- 65 Exit key
- 66 University domain
- 67 Hurl hella far

DOWN

- 1 Gruesome being
- 2 Gear for a surfer?

1	G	2	R	3	E	4	W		5	E	6	T	7	D		8	S	9	K	10	Y		11	D	12	A	13	D	
14	H	O	N	E					15	G	R	E			16	U	A	E			17	E	N	O					
18	O	U	R	S					19	G	A	M	20	B	I	T	S			21	A	T	M						
22	U	T	A	H					23	S	W	E	A	T	Y			24	B	R	I	E							
25	L	E	G	O					26	B	L	A	N	C			27	M	E	L	D								
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37	G	38	O	L	D	E	N	G	40	A	T	E	B	R	I	D	G	E											
41	T	H	A	T	S	Y	O	U					42	S	L	I	M												
43	A	T	B	A	T				44	M	S	N			46	A	X	E	L	S									
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54	L	A	R	K				55	O	N	E	S	I	E				56	T	R	E	E							
57	E	N	D					58	S	A	I	N	T	L	Y				59	O	V	E	N						
60	A	K	A					61	E	R	A			62	L	E	O			63	R	A	V	E					
64	P	S	Y					65	E	S	C			66	E	D	U			67	Y	E	E	T					

- 3 Make apoplectic
- 4 "Let's discuss"
- 5 Cutesy name for a brunch dish
- 6 Fish with a net
- 7 Harm the dignity of
- 8 Carousel riders
- 9 "California Gurls" singer Perry
- 10 Simple agreement
- 11 "Jesus, Mary, and Joseph"
- 12 Like some laws criticized by "care, not punishment" advocates
- 13 Cinerama ___ (iconic--and endangered--structure in Los Angeles)
- 20 Road robber
- 24 Ritual reading
- 27 Simulated reality, to the Wachowskis
- 29 The rest of the day?
- 32 "Doc McStuffins" creator Chris
- 34 One who's always first in their own head
- 36 Finger-pointing remark
- 37 Video game franchise with fictional cities based on L.A., S.F., and others
- 38 Diffident response to a compliment
- 39 Time to switch to darker shades, traditionally
- 40 Who wrote that "The person, be it gentleman or lady, who has not pleasure in a good novel, must be intolerably stupid"
- 45 Snuggle
- 47 Early-development t bugs
- 48 Something a tank lacks
- 51 Troubled
- 53 Core belief
- 54 Big jump
- 55 Two objects in a row?
- 58 "Didn't I tell you?"

Puzzle #4 -- Let's Go Together

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ACROSS

- 1 Unleashes (on) / Businesses with reflexology sessions
- 8 Improbable, as chances / Heist setting in "Ocean's 8," with "The"
- 14 Rail in a dance studio / Take home
- 15 Gifts for some Muslim holidays / Wrath
- 16 For the whole room to hear / Settler of old?
- 17 Make headway / Prefix with apology
- 18 Name meaning "pretty" in Spanish / Chicken ___ king
- 19 Language for the 2014 vampire western "A Girl Walks Home Alone at Night" / Bowler-topped TV cousin
- 20 Finger bowl scent / Chip in an app?
- 22 Wee spot in England? / Guest ushered beyond the velvet rope, for short
- 23 The "E" of B.C.E.
- 24 Alley-___
- 25 Wimbledon champ Swiatek / Untouchable delivery by Swiatek
- 26 "___ Off" (Beyoncé song about leaving an unhappy marriage)
- 28 Malaria-control agent banned in the '70s
- 29 Knitter's ball / Source of unwelcome reminders
- 30 Transport option like Lyft or Uber, made literal by four Down entries
- 33 Dec. clock setting in Baton Rouge / Male turkeys
- 36 Little jump
- 37 This, in Oaxaca
- 41 "Damage" singer with an acronymic stage name / Cause a blister, say
- 42 Sun. follower
- 43 Acorn feature
- 44 Lagunitas beverage, in brief / Therapist's org.
- 45 Not easily moved, in a way / Jones for
- 49 Steak often encrusted in sesame seeds / Collar attachment
- 51 Wee spot in England? / ___ planets (Jupiter et al.)
- 52 Capitol insider, informally / Tabletop light source
- 53 Corps de ballet garment / Uber-
- 54 Poet's preposition / H's on Fraternity Row
- 55 Quickly join hands? / Hammer ends
- 56 Substance in pits / Home makeover, informally
- 57 Contemplate / Goes wrong

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56	T	A	R	E	N	O			57	M	U	S	E	R	R	S			

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DOWN

- 1 Demonized composer who taught Liszt and Schubert
- 2 "Anything is possible" athletic challenge
- 3 Raw fish dish
- 4 Malibu, e.g.
- 5 Pell or Poundstone of comedy
- 6 Opening numbers?
- 7 Show with a Five-Timers Club, for short
- 8 Genesis creator
- 9 "I don't believe you!"
- 10 "Au contraire!"
- 11 Odyssey, e.g.
- 12 Genre in which Anne Rice wrote as A.N. Roquelaure
- 13 Spike in coverage?
- 14 Envious court figure
- 19 Gent who dresses to impress
- 21 Phenom with an ego
- 27 Social outing whose attendees may or may not pair off
- 28 Keepers of keys on nights out, in brief
- 29 Go on and on
- 31 Declaration by Michael Keaton for Tim Burton
- 32 lolani Palace city
- 33 Purchase allowing you to grow a "shell" for Leonardo or Michelangelo, e.g.
- 34 Ultra competitor
- 35 Winnebago, e.g.
- 38 Become a diaspora
- 39 Alehouses
- 40 Works often understood through supertitles
- 42 Additive heightening umami, in brief
- 46 Smidges
- 47 Cougar, e.g.
- 48 One said to need an heir and a spare
- 50 Lhasa ___
- 53 Channel celebrating old Hollywood

Puzzle 4 - Shady Characters [We think you'll go mad for this puzzle.]

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ACROSS

- 1 Hatred
- 9 Ruffles the feathers of
- 14 Gush
- 15 Steady succession
- 17 Daddy Yankee hit that also uses turbinas and motores as metaphors
- 18 Irredeemable, as a plan
- 19 Providers of creature comforts
- 21 Topping that bursts
- 22 Some provocative writing
- 25 Contraception method visible in X-rays
- 26 Wheeze ___ (hippo's call)
- 27 Measured desire
- 28 Curbed appeal?
- 29 Play places
- 30 Law requiring ramps, automatic doors, tactile paving, etc.
- 31 Animal
- 33 Spotted Serengeti predator
- 36 Corded headphone predecessors
- 40 Their work is probably over your head

- 42 Goose egg
- 43 Bright-colored
- 45 24-hour hospital depts.
- 46 Source of some sour notes
- 47 Instagram post with a view count
- 48 '90s TV hookup
- 49 Surrendered to fatigue
- 51 Not as expected
- 52 UV rays help produce it
- 54 Reservoir under a car's engine
- 56 Alternatives to heel brakes
- 60 Wired
- 61 Available from local farms, say
- 62 Go beyond suspending
- 63 Challenge as untrue ... and what you should, appropriately, do when you see red

DOWN

- 1 Confused state
- 2 Tube travelers?
- 3 "Battletoads" console, briefly
- 4 Request to switch topics
- 5 Cardinal, e.g.
- 6 Disempowered group
- 7 Huey, Dewey, and Louie, to Della Duck

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		E	X	P	E	L													

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- 8 Predominant U.S. language
- 9 Made a host's job easier
- 10 Big name in lifting?
- 11 401(k) alternative
- 12 Retired Laker great, to fans
- 13 Gatherings of intellectuals
- 16 Like a daredevil
- 20 Power moves?
- 22 Steelmaking ingredient
- 23 Volkswagen Group luxury brand
- 24 Bygone monarch
- 26 Rub component
- 28 Boarding school student with leadership duties
- 29 /
- 31 Head of cabbage?
- 32 Many first-year grad students
- 34 Sea that became the world's youngest desert
- 35 Access-granting gizmo
- 37 Mole or slug
- 38 Hundredth of a dollar
- 39 Hilltop discovery at the end of "The Giver"
- 41 Predictable
- 43 Make sacred
- 44 Considered response
- 46 Useful paper for a trip
- 47 Short jumpers
- 48 Matter of record?
- 49 Eldest von Trapp child
- 50 First name associated with Yosemite
- 52 Pod holder
- 53 "___ Lisa"
- 55 Bounce
- 57 Columbus inst.
- 58 Party VIP
- 59 Show on which Bowen Yang portrayed Moo Deng, for short

I Need Space ... a stately theme

Kyle Dolan

ACROSS

- 1 Included, as on a thread
- 5 Sheath that prevents fraying
- 10 Stray on the range
- 15 Symbol of virtue
- 16 Like the number of Great Lakes
- 17 Unofficial national dish of the Philippines
- 18 *Poetry slams organized by Hoosiers?
- 21 I-94, e.g.: Abbr.
- 22 Frozen drinks invented in Kansas in 1958
- 23 Advance
- 24 Aspiring research prof
- 26 LinkedIn posting
- 27 One with a backstage pass
- 30 *Publication for cheeseheads looking to pair a Malbec or merlot with their Colby?
- 34 Galaxy alternative
- 37 Curtain support
- 38 Graduation garments
- 39 Green gamer
- 40 Toy in a sandbox
- 43 ___ baby
- 44 Up and about
- 46 Reuters rival
- 47 High-profile groups
- 49 *English rock star's stint touring Lincoln and Omaha?

- 52 The Paleozoic, for one
- 53 Election Day, e.g.: Abbr.
- 54 Faucets
- 58 In ___ of
- 60 Statuette featuring a knight
- 62 "The Notorious ___" (2000 rap album)
- 63 *How Detroiters dealt with their vampire problem?
- 67 ___ bomb (intense savory bite)
- 68 Fill me in!
- 69 Birthstone before topaz
- 70 Gave a shot in the arm, say
- 71 Things formed between friends
- 72 Volition

DOWN

- 1 Cardinal's call
- 2 Segment in Dante's "Inferno"
- 3 Pole workers?
- 4 Female in a song from "The Sound of Music"
- 5 Incoming college freshmen may submit them, for short
- 6 Marathon's land
- 7 "___ moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it": Ferris Bueller
- 8 Outback mob

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- 9 Big number in the Midwest?
- 10 Chewy baked treat that's naturally sweet
- 11 Norse god who traded an eye for wisdom
- 12 What a chill atmosphere has
- 13 Part of many Arabic names
- 14 Big name in lip balm
- 19 Chamillionaire hit that went 4x platinum in ringtone sales
- 20 Snake's target
- 25 Rinky-dink
- 26 Gemstone prized in Mayan culture
- 28 Bumbling
- 29 Currency in Cuernavaca
- 31 Releases, as a record
- 32 " Fargo," for one
- 33 Developing concern
- 34 Harebrained
- 35 One putting up a facade
- 36 Array at a taco bar
- 41 Hardly insignificant
- 42 California team in purple and gold, familiarly
- 45 Longtime rival of Walgreens
- 48 France's longest river
- 50 Greenland's capital city
- 51 Take the elevator, say
- 55 Animal also known as a forest giraffe
- 56 Like the ocean, but not the Great Lakes
- 57 Something in the air, perhaps
- 59 "I feel seen," online
- 60 Home of the Nobel Peace Center
- 61 A female one is called a pen
- 63 Something to sling
- 64 Texter's "If you ask me"
- 65 Recede
- 66 Take a blade to, as blades

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2	Y	15	T
3	Z	16	J
4	O	17	G
5	X	18	I
6	N	19	W
7	R	20	B
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9	H	22	M
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12	U	25	S
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The hidden clue (highlighted above) reads SNEAKER BRAND USING LETTERS FROM DESK, which means that you should unscramble the letters in "DESK" to get **KEDS**

Outside the Box Puzzles Year 10 Variety Puzzle #15: Two Outta Three Ain't Bad (7 Apr 2025)

Solution

P	H	R	A	S	E		S	A	U	S	A	G	E	S	
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Across

- BLAZE / EXPRESSION
- ASSUAGES / LINKS
- CHAGRINED / DISCERN
- ALLY / CAROMED
- COLLAPSED / GALLOPED
- BOTTOM / DRAIN
- BORNE / COATED
- ENDURING / FASTENING
- ENCRYPTED / PREDICTS
- REEDS / TRAITOR
- LOUTS / NOTICE
- KIN / VERSATILE
- BIKED / MEDDLED
- MIXED / WORD
- GENERALS / RECHARGES
- ASSENTS / GREASE

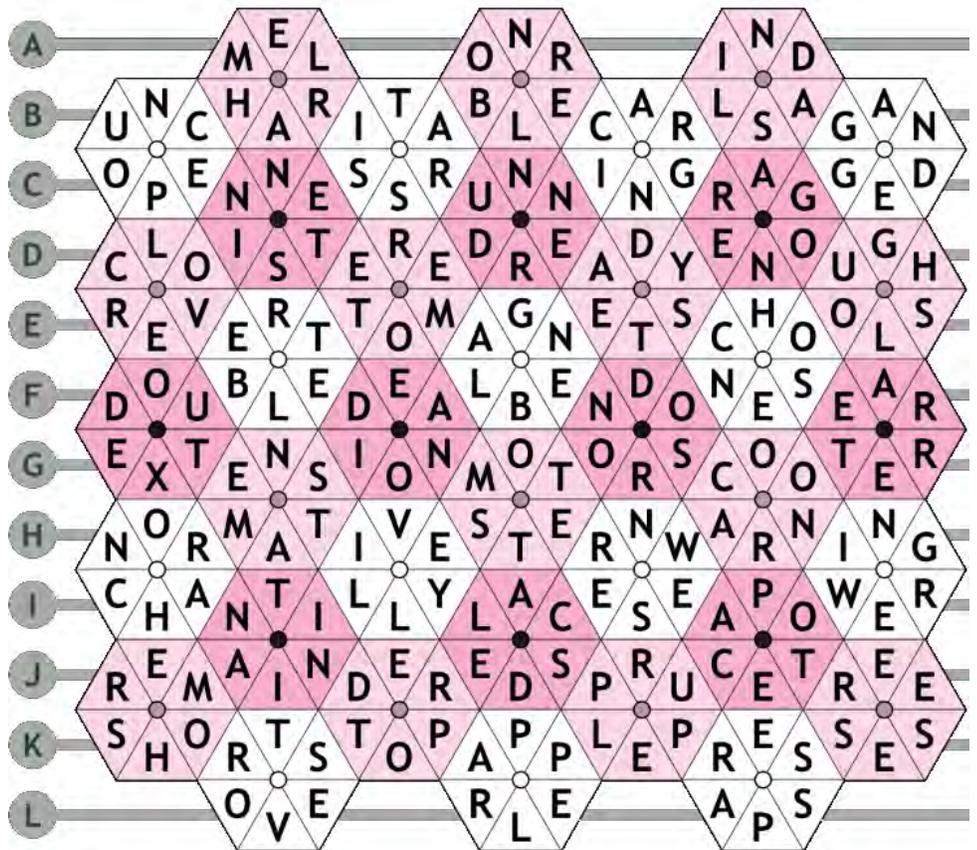
- PHRASE
- SAUSAGES
- RESCIND
- COMRADE
- SCALLOPED
- NADIR
- TOTED
- SECURING
- SCRIPTED
- SEDER
- LOTUS
- RELATIVES
- PEDALED
- STIRRED
- ENLARGES
- AGREES

Down

- ASPIRATE / LEECH
- DESCARTES / REBOOT
- ADEPT / BUILD
- CEDAR / PARKED
- MARINES / SYMPOSIUM
- DANGLLED / SADDEN
- RASHES / SCISSORS
- CLOSET / TOPSIDE
- BABIES / SCOLDED
- CONFIDES / DISPERSE
- DIALECT / FORTRESS
- ISOLATED / URINALS
- LOCATION / WEDDING
- COERCE / REVISED
- PASS / PERHAPS
- CREST / MIDGE
- PARASITE
- RESTART
- SKILLED
- ARCED
- SEMINAR
- GLADDEN
- SHEARS
- DEPOSIT
- CODDLDES
- PRESIDES
- CITADEL
- INSULAR
- SETTING
- DIVERSE
- ELAPSE
- RIDGE

Contest solution: The three shaded entries in the grid are AGREES, GLADDEN, and ELAPSE. These all clue the 6-letter contest answer **PLEASE**: AGREES by rhyme, GLADDEN by synonym, and ELAPSE by anagram. Of the 152 correct answer submissions, 13 included "... and thank you". Very polite bunch!

Year 8, Puzzle 15



- A. MELON RIND
- B. UNCHARITABLE / CARL SAGAN
- C. OPENNESS / RUNNING RAGGED
- D. CLOISTERED / READY ENOUGH
- E. REVERT TO / MAGNET SCHOOLS
- F. DOUBLE-DEAL / BEND ONE'S EAR
- G. EXTENSION / MOTOR SCOOTER
- H. NORMATIVE / STERN WARNING
- I. CHANTILLY LACE / SEA POWER
- J. REMAINDERED / SPRUCE TREE
- K. SHORTSTOP / APPLE PRESSES
- L. OVERLEAPS

Light Blooms

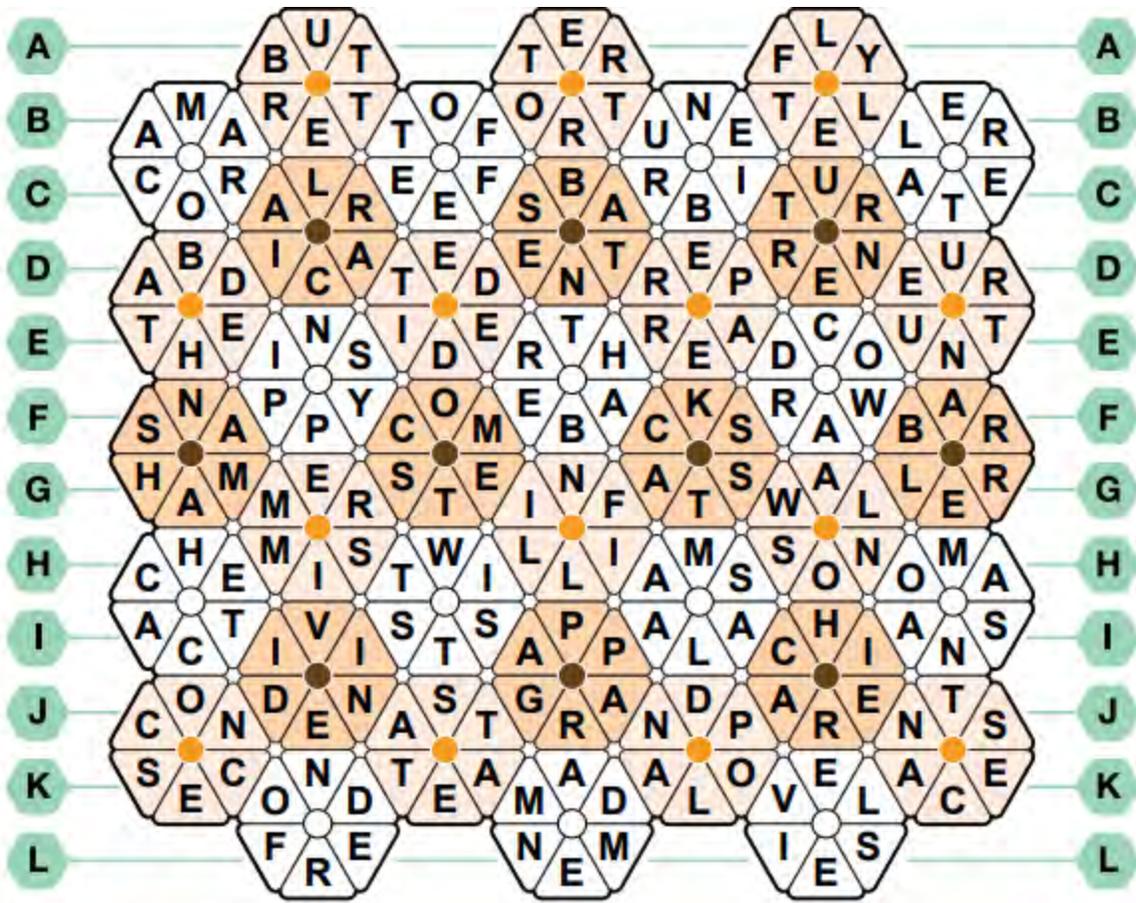
POUNCE; ONE CUP 8 fluid oz.; Leap like a leopard
 SITARS; STAIRS Raga instruments; Passageways with flights
 RACING; CARING Giving a darn; Like a fast pulse
 NAGGED; GANGED Teamed (up on); Badgered
 TREBLE; BELTER Stereo knob; Full-throated singer
 BENGAL; BANGLE Kolkata locale; Bracelet
 CHOSEN; COHENS Elite group, with "the"; Songwriter Leonard's family
 CHARON; ANCHOR What's weighed on a ship; Styx boatman
 EVILLY; LIVELY In a malign way; Vivacious
 RESEWN; RENEWS Continues a subscription; Stitched again
 GREW IN; WINGER Appeared, as a molar; Actress Debra
 STROVE; VOTERS Tried mightily; Electorate
 RAPPEL; LAPPER Drinking dog, say; Descend, in mountaineering
 SPARES; SPARSE Thinly distributed; Some tires

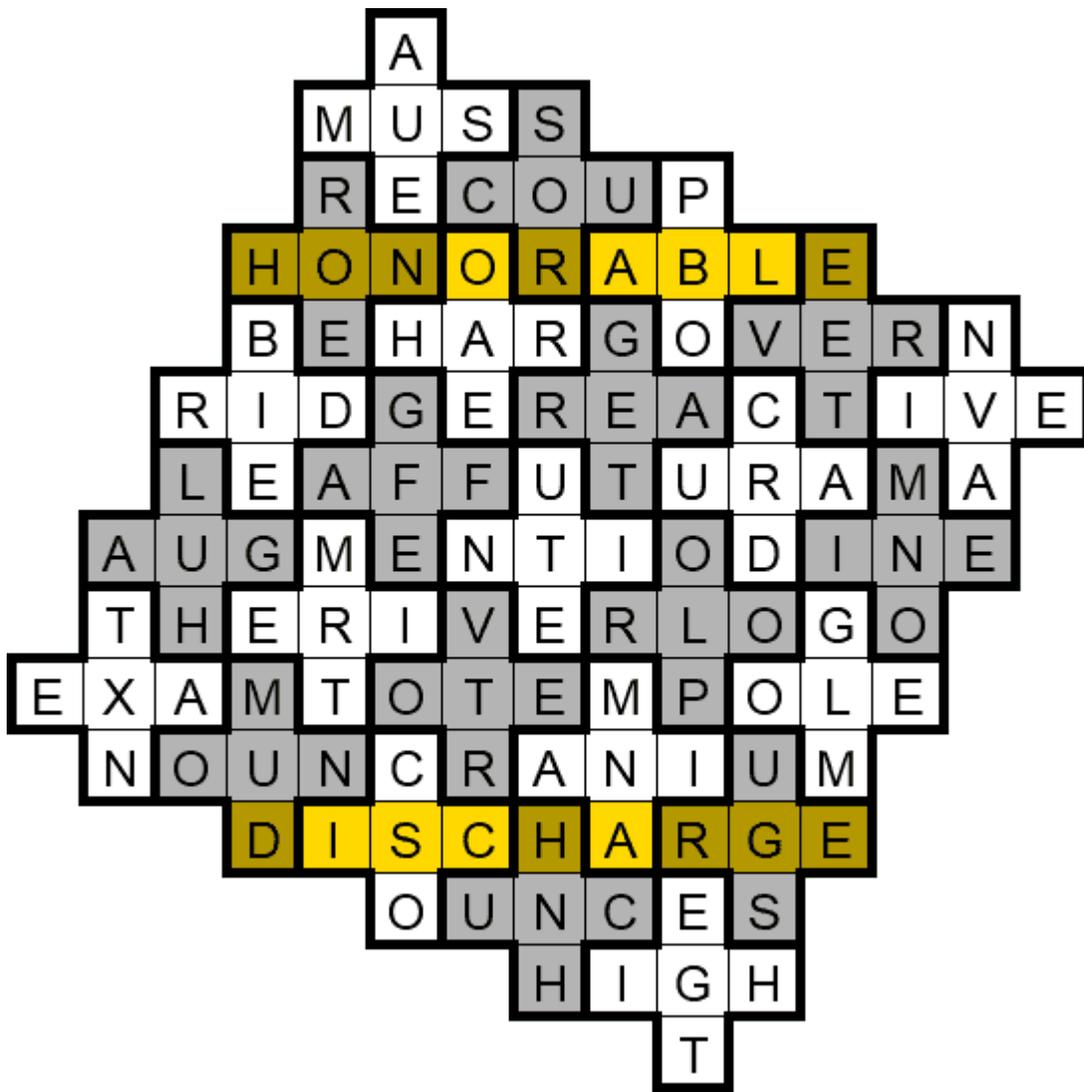
Medium Blooms

HARLEM; MAHLER Area served by the A Train; Composer Gustav
 NOBLER; LEBRON "Whether 'tis ___"; James of the Lakers
 LINDAS; ISLAND Blair and Ronstadt; Dot on a map
 CLOVER; VELCRO Hook-and-loop fastener; Shamrock, e.g.
 REMOTE; METEOR Clicker; Shower component
 STEADY; STAYED Remained; Unfaltering
 SLOUGH; GHOULS Grave robbers; Cast (off)
 STAMEN; MANETS Some Impressionist oils; Flower part
 MOTETS; TOTEMS Tribal symbols; Choral pieces
 RACoon; CORONA Striped trashbin robber (Var.); Old Toyota model
 HOMERS; MOSHER Wild concertgoer; Hits a four-bagger
 REDTOP; DEPORT Grass named for its color; Exile
 PURPLE; PULPER Machine in a wood mill; Violet
 REESE'S; RESEES Observes anew; Hershey brand

Dark Blooms

TENNIS; SENT IN Remitted by mail; ___, anyone?
 DUNNER; END RUN Bill collector; Evasive maneuver
 ERAGON; ORANGE Red+yellow; Fantasy novel by Christopher Paolini
 XED OUT; TUXEDO Formal wear; Crossed through
 NO IDEA; ONEIDA "Search me"; Flatware brand
 RONDOS; DONORS Givers; Sonata movements
 RETEAR; A-TERRE Pied-___; Rip anew
 TINIAN; IN A TIN Launch point for 1945 A-bombers; How Altoids are sold
 SCALED; DECALS Climbed; Rear-window adornments
 CAPOTE; TOE CAP Work-boot strengthener; *In Cold Blood* author





The two unclued rows, highlighted above in gold, spell out **HONORABLE**
DISCHARGE

BEQ MARCHING BANDS YEAR 11, #10

By Brendan Emmett Quigley

ROWS

- 1 Pitcher Hideo in the Japanese Baseball Hall of Fame / Strikes a chord (with)
- 2 Spreading (out) / She rapped alongside Megan on "WAP"
- 3 Prime minister during the Bay of Pigs invasion / NFL all-star game: 2 wds.
- 4 ___ corridor (Boston-D.C. megalopolis named after a high-speed train) / "Good wishes!": 2 wds.
- 5 Panoramic view / Tchaikovsky ballet: 2 wds.
- 6 Carlie ___-Gordon (co-owner of the Indianapolis Colts) / Medieval fighter with a long weapon
- 7 Got closer to / Handel's first opera
- 8 Doug Burgum's department / Still life containers

- 9 One hired for housecleaning / Adds onion domes to the architecture, say
- 10 Linked together, as besties walking down the street: Hyph. / Dustin's "Midnight Cowboy" role
- 11 Scheduled delivery time?: 2 wds. / More off-the-wall
- 12 Ukrainian port city / "I wanna start!": 2 wds.
- 13 Stare wonderingly / Big name in handbags: 2 wds.

BANDS

- A Up to that level, maybe, but that's the max: 3 wds. / FiveThirtyEight founder: 2 wds. / Miscellaneous / Church alcove / Snatch / Tower at a Buddhist temple / Little suckers?

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	C	A	^C S	T	R	O	P	R	O	B	O	W	L
	A	C	E	^D L	A	M	A	Z	E	L	T	O	V
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B King or queen: 2 wds. / Aware of social issues / ___ Pieces / Prevalent to excess / Pool hall technique / Boxer Roberto / ___ Kane (role for which Susan Lucci won an Emmy, eventually)

C Leather for sharpening / Their passengers ride alone / Page-turner about (and by) a Turner: 2 wds. / Sixth letter of the Greek alphabet / Cup for espresso

E Egyptian city with a noteworthy dam / "Radio, Radio" singer Costello / County southwest of Greater London (or a kind of carriage)

F Photo you might shake after taking

D Technique used in childbirth / Petting zoo that might also sell wool: 2 wds. / Indian princess / Rid of a certain vermin infestation

ROWS

- A.** Making small adjustments — TINKERING
- B.** Numeric slang that may mean “so-so” (though no one knows for sure): hyph. — SIX-SEVEN
Ovoid salad morsels: 2 wds. — GRAPE TOMATOES
- C.** Patriotic song originally sung by British troops to mock Americans: 2 wds. — YANKEE DOODLE
“Please, do anything else!”: 3 wds.
— NO NOT THAT
- D.** Gender diversity discipline: 2 wds. — QUEER STUDIES
Animals in a parade — ELEPHANTS
- E.** “Beg your pardon” — APOLOGIES
Important accessory in Russian folk dance — HANDKERCHIEF
- F.** Diner staple with peppers and salsa: 2 wds. — SPANISH OMELET
Black ___ (anglerfish species with very large fangs) — SEADEVIL
- G.** Butt in — INTERFERE
The Toros and the Clovers in “Bring It On” — CHEERLEADERS
- H.** Opportune — TIMELY
Clock-watcher’s daydream: 2 wds. — EARLY RETIREMENT
- I.** Numeric slang meaning “totally honest”: 2 wds. — ONE HUNDRED
It can be a bit pointed: 2 wds. — INDEX FINGER
- J.** Frizz fastener — BARRETTE
Tortola and St. Croix: 2 wds. — VIRGIN ISLANDS
- K.** Pattern that Vogue declares to be a neutral: 2 wds. — ANIMAL PRINT
Weather warning: 2 wds. — STORM ALERT
- L.** Marginalized — SIDELINED

LIGHT BLOOMS

- Like a rainbow — ARCHED
- ___ Bonham Carter — HELENA
- University board member — REGENT
- Like a character in “Ghost”? — SILENT
- Ceases, in Pig Latin — IXNAYS
- Mets Hall of Famer “Doc” — GOODEN
- Left the scene — EXITED

- Chevy SUVs, littorally — TAHOES
- “ ___ like the present!”: 2 wds. — NO TIME
- Silver-screen heavyweight Karl — MALDEN
- More precious — DEARER
- Enters a password: 2 wds. — LOGS IN
- Devoid of joy — DISMAL
- 907.185 kilograms: 2 wds. — ONE TON

MEDIUM BLOOMS

- Gets hot on TikTok, perhaps — TRENDS
- Not at all clear — OPAQUE
- Posey of “White Lotus” — PARKER
- Without constraint — FREELY
- Deceptive boxing moves — FEINTS
- “Wild” author Strayed — CHERYL
- Fell (over) — KEELED
- Helical pasta — ROTINI
- Buying a round, perhaps: 3 wds. — IN A BAR
- Import taxes — DUTIES
- “The ___ of the Shrew” — TAMING
- Instructional file name: 2 wds. — READ ME
- Purchase CDs, responsibly — INVEST
- Shrub with poisonous berries — PRIVET

DARK BLOOMS

- Journalist Holt — LESTER
- Student’s reason to review — FINALS
- Takes over for someone: 2 wds. — TAPS IN
- Gas station option — DIESEL
- One who might say “Ready or not, here I come!” — SEEKER
- Tiny piece of the pie — SLIVER
- Dressage skill — RIDING
- Word after “fox” or “fortune” — HUNTER
- Stylish Monopoly piece: 2 wds. — TOP HAT
- Find a new family for, as a pet — REHOME

For some meta puzzles, full explanation of the meta answers can be found in the links provide on the ORCA ballot.

Meta-morphosis

ACROSS

- 1 Put words in a way that's hard to understand (earlier)
- 7 One in the exam room (earlier)
- 13 Craved what someone else has
- 14 Location for Cornell knowledge
- 15 Kitchen appliance brand. Also, with Zee, a NY bridge.
- 16 Cat that's spotted in South America
- 17 October birthstone
- 19 First name in Ethiopian history
- 20 ___ over, loses one's balance (later)
- 23 Chin or legal add-on
- 25 Fresh ___ on NPR
- 26 What a meta begins with
- 27 "Call Me By ___ Name" (this one's the same)
- 28 Norse god often angry (as lispers might say)
- 29 Tay-tay's main squeeze Travis is a tight one
- 30 Like Z, coming later than all other letters in the alphabet

- 34 New Mexico artist colony
- 35 NATO alphabet letter that comes earlier than all others
- 36 Male in the family (later)
- 39 "It's freezing cold"
- 40 City near London featured in a Monty Python plane-hijack sketch
- 41 Novelst Calvino
- 43 Wee bit
- 45 Nine-days prayer
- 47 Molecules that are always so negative
- 51 Motorless aircraft
- 52 British medical journal, with "The"
- 53 Like Aaron Rodgers among NFL quarterbacks
- 54 Hanukkah candle sets for the last night (later)

DOWN

- 1 New York team player (later)
- 2 "___ voce poca fa" (Barber of Seville)
- 3 Judge in MLB last year

1	J	2	U	3	M	4	B	5	L	6	E	7	T	8	E	9	S	10	T	11	E	12	E
13	E	N	V	I	E	D						14	I	T	H	A	C	A					
15	T	A	P	P	A	N						16	O	C	E	L	O	T					
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26	I	D	E	A				27	Y	O	U	R											
28	T	H	O	R				29	E	N	D			30	L	A	S	T					
						34	T	A	O	S			35	A	L	F	A						
36	L	37	A	38	D			39	B	R	R		40	L	U	T	O	N					
41	I	T	A	42	L	O			43	A	44	T	A	D									
45	N	O	V	E	N	A			46	A		47	A	N	I	O	N	S					
51	G	L	I	D	E	R						52	L	A	N	C	E	T					
53	O	L	D	E	S	T						54	L	I	G	H	T	S					

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- 4 Manic depressive
- 5 Bounds companion
- 6 Aussie dame
- 7 ___ Pepe sherry
- 8 Durer, notably
- 9 Where the team in 1 Down used to play
- 10 Francis Ford Coppola's sister
- 11 Bacteria for a gut reaction
- 12 Michelin inspector at times (later)
- 18 Soprano in "Il Trovatore"
- 20 It has the makings of a successful product (earlier)
- 21 Old English letter
- 22 Job listing letters
- 24 Beer, slangily
- 27 Leap or light follower (this one's the same)
- 30 Heaping praise on
- 31 Prefix with rock or right
- 32 49ers touchdowns happen there
- 33 Goal of many beachgoers
- 34 Pricey steaks
- 36 In "Oz," "bikkie" or "barbie" for a scavenger (earlier)
- 37 Lagoon location
- 38 Michelangelo masterpiece
- 40 Maui veranda
- 42 Journalist's first sentence
- 44 Part of a two-word phrase for a fish story (earlier)
- 46 Matisse metier
- 48 Dundee "Oh dear!"
- 49 Nothing but revenue minus costs
- 50 Manhattan ave. crossers

High Marks by Peter Abide



Answers to clues with a * have alternate answers if the word "star" is substituted for each *. The first letter of those alternate entries spell "POINTS."

Go Fourth and Prosper

By Matt Gaffney/Edited by Mike Shenk

ACROSS

- 1 Ski resort near Snowbird
- 5 The Doha Diamond League's country
- 10 Emulates Eminem
- 14 Round part on a hammer
- 15 Grammar topic
- 16 "Definitely!"
- 17 Amigos
- 18 First words of a well-known "Walrus" song
- 19 Michael of "The Phoenician Scheme"
- 20 Caught the audio of a NASA miscue?
- 23 Org. that lobbies for gun rights
- 24 Powerful acid, to chemists
- 25 Get in on the winnings after "I-24" and "G-55" are called?
- 32 LBJ was one for 11 seasons
- 33 Latin for "pain"
- 34 Fork parts
- 36 Passed and then some
- 38 Student getting extra help
- 40 The Baths of Caracalla's city
- 41 Magnet ends
- 43 Church official
- 45 ENT, e.g.
- 46 Harshly criticize part of a wooden car?
- 49 "2 Broke Girls" co-star Dennings
- 50 Word on Iowa maps
- 51 Find out how industrious the teens are these days?
- 59 Rounds for Tony Soprano
- 60 Surname on Scotch bottles
- 61 Asian territory in Risk
- 63 "My turn!"
- 64 Where both queens begin a chess game
- 65 Katz's on the Lower East Side, e.g.
- 66 Falls behind
- 67 Britannia invader
- 68 ___ spumante

DOWN

- 1 Free download, often
- 2 First wife of 25-Down

1	A	2	L	3	T	4	A		5	Q	6	A	7	T	8	A	9	R		10	R	11	A	12	P	13	S				
14	P	E	E	N					15	U	S	A	G	E						16	I	B	E	T							
17	P	A	L	S					18	I	A	M	H	E					19	C	E	R	A								
		20	H	E	A	21	R	D	S	P	A	C	22	E	F	L	U	B													
				23	N	R	A						24	H	C	L															
		25	J	O	I	N	B	I	N	G	O	H	A	30	U	L			31												
32	C	A	V					33	D	O	L	O	R						34	T	I	N	E	S	35						
36	A	C	E	D				37					38	T	U	T	E	E		39				40	R	O	M	E			
41	P	O	L	E	S			42					43	V	I	C	A	R		44				45	D	O	C				
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59	A	M	M	O															60	D	E	W	A	R		61	U	R	A	L	62
63	I	M	U	P															64	D	F	I	L	E		65	D	E	L	I	
66	L	A	G	S															67	S	A	X	O	N		68	A	S	T	I	

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- 3 Univision genre
- 4 Amusing Aziz
- 5 Pound sterling, informally
- 6 Gray and Candler
- 7 Pack down
- 8 Ottoman bigwig
- 9 Amplify
- 10 Wrestling icon of the 1970s-90s
- 11 Tasman for whom Tasmania is named
- 12 Land on the Pacific
- 13 Guesstimate
- 21 Cape Town coin
- 22 Genuine: Ger.
- 25 See 2-Down
- 26 Web-crawling software
- 27 Cutesy sentiment on a teddy bear, maybe
- 28 Tag shout
- 29 Pianist-singer Buddy
- 30 Well-known Spanish count
- 31 Jell-O flavor
- 32 Put a limit on
- 35 Part of a min.
- 37 Hard-to-transport computers
- 39 Gobble up
- 42 Two-wheeled carriage
- 44 Fresh look
- 47 In conflict
- 48 Poet whose surname anagrams to "unread"
- 51 Kite part
- 52 Jane Austen classic
- 53 Annoyingly self-satisfied
- 54 Org. for Cristiano Ronaldo and George Bello
- 55 Two-piece candy
- 56 Shining ring
- 57 Small flyer
- 58 Sentry's command
- 62 Number of cards in a Caesars Palace deck?

Position Statement

By Mike Shenk/Edited by Mike Shenk

ACROSS

- 1 Ambassador's asset
- 5 Sir counterpart
- 9 Place in the overhead bin
- 13 Luau greeting
- 15 Just
- 16 "That's a good point"
- 17 "Daphnis et Chloe" composer
- 18 When yachting, what's right
- 20 Quarter of a third
- 22 Boat backs
- 23 D-backs, on sports tickers
- 24 Wine barrel sediment
- 25 Namesake of a Manhattan center
- 31 Mouse catcher
- 34 Slender wind
- 35 Make a getaway
- 36 River through Florence
- 37 Seat filler
- 38 Muffler, e.g.
- 40 Flirty signal
- 41 PC keys
- 42 Not worth ____
- 43 Sporting blade
- 44 Unimpressed response
- 45 Parent whose children have all left
- 48 Symbol on Angels' uniforms
- 50 Gangster's gun
- 51 Misgivings
- 53 Consequence of cabin pressure?
- 57 Cut short
- 59 Prank
- 60 Cuban coin
- 61 Whitey in Cooperstown
- 62 Chew out
- 63 Bitter brews
- 64 Mariners' spots
- 65 Teases

DOWN

- 1 Pucker-inducing

1	T	A	C	T		5	M	A	A	M		9	S	T	O	W			
13	A	L	O	H	14	A	15	O	N	L	Y		16	T	R	U	E		
17	R	A	V	E	L		18	S	T	A	R	19	B	O	A	R	D		
20	T	W	E	L	F	21	T	H		22	S	T	E	R	N	S			
				23	A	R	I			24	L	E	E	S					
25	26	27					28	29	30				31	32	33				
	R	O	C	K	E	F	E	L	L	E	R		C	A	T				
34	O	B	O	E			35	F	L	E	E			36	A	R	N	O	
37	R	E	A	R			38	S	C	A	R	F		40	W	I	N	K	
41	E	S	C	S			42	A	S	O	U		43	E	P	E	E		
44	M	E	H		45	E	M	P	T	Y	N	E	S	T	E	R			
			48	49						50	G	A	T						
		51	D	O	U	B	T	S		52		53	A	I	R	R	A	G	E
57	C	U	R	T	A	I	L	E	D			59	P	U	T	O	N		
60	P	E	S	O			61	F	O	R	D		62	S	C	O	L	D	
63	A	L	E	S			64	S	E	A	S			65	K	I	D	S	

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- 2 "There oughta be ____!"
- 3 Sheltered bay
- 4 Winners of 17 NBA championships
- 5 Dance in a pit
- 6 Crumb carrier
- 7 "Sad to report..."
- 8 Aromatic evergreen
- 9 Part of a chain, maybe
- 10 School record
- 11 Belonging to both of us
- 12 Leave the single life
- 14 Emmy winner Woodard
- 19 Contents of a tavern pitcher
- 21 Petty squabbles
- 25 Pulitzer-winning composer Ned
- 26 Past paunchy
- 27 Brougham mover
- 28 Yosemite peak, familiarly
- 29 Minimal amount
- 30 Satchel Paige's real first name
- 32 Year, in Paris
- 33 Pot puffer
- 36 Blown away
- 39 Yeast and mold, e.g.
- 45 Idris of "Pacific Rim"
- 46 Decorative designs
- 47 Tombstone's Virgil, Wyatt and Morgan
- 49 Lot fillers
- 51 Activity requiring a second
- 52 Wild plum of Europe
- 53 Says further
- 54 Yours, in Tours
- 55 Medal for first
- 56 Outcomes
- 57 Pro filer
- 58 Historic time

Sending Letters

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ACROSS

- 1 Bay of Pigs location
- 5 "Queen of QVC" Greiner
- 9 Morse code symbol
- 13 Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum site
- 14 Computer since 1998
- 15 Gran Canaria, por ejemplo
- 16 College grade that comes with a deadline
- 18 Jazz trumpeter Baker
- 19 D.C. dealmaker
- 20 "Anthem" author Rand
- 21 Chargers
- 23 Board with two seats
- 26 Connecticut's state fish
- 27 Typical souk shopper
- 29 Bound
- 30 Light touch
- 33 Thriller author whose novels are set in Kindle County
- 37 Sainly ring
- 38 Reef predator
- 39 Wide loafer spec
- 40 Shredded stuff in glitter polish
- 41 Mideast sultanate

- 42 Targaryen family practice on "House of the Dragon"
- 44 Miss at a hoedown
- 45 Genetic stuff
- 46 Sail support
- 47 Beat keepers
- 48 River that the Oregon Trail follows for over 600 miles
- 52 Literally, "empty hand"
- 55 "___ was saying..."
- 57 Response to an epiphany
- 58 School whose yard features a statue of Henry VI

- 59 Mob sorts
- 63 Provoke
- 64 Annual May event, informally
- 65 Perth ____, New Jersey
- 66 Light on one's feet
- 67 Full of holes, possibly
- 68 Greenhorn in gaming

DOWN

- 1 Riverside rental
- 2 "I give up!"
- 3 Enemy ghost in Mario games
- 4 Use a sight
- 5 Easter flower

	1	C	U	B	A		5	L	O	R	I		9	D	A	S	H	
13	H	A	N	O	I		14	I	M	A	C		15	I	S	L	A	
16	I	N	C	O	M		17	P	L	E	T	E		18	C	H	E	T
19	P	O	L				20	A	Y	N		21	S	T	E	E	D	S
23	S	E	E	24	S	A	W				26	S	H	A	D			
				27	A	R	A	B		29	H	O	P		30	D	A	B
33	S	34	C	O	T	T	T	U	36	R	O	W		37	H	A	L	O
38	M	O	R	A	Y		39	E	E	E		40	M	Y	L	A	R	
41	O	M	A	N			42	I	N	B	R	E	E	D	I	N	G	
44	G	A	L		45	D	N	A		46	S	P	A	R				
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58	E	T	O	N			59	R	A	C	K	E	61	T	E	E	R	S
63	G	O	A	D			64	I	N	D	Y		65	A	M	B	O	Y
66	S	P	R	Y			67	L	A	C	Y		68	N	O	O	B	

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- 6 Harbinger
- 7 First animal of the Chinese zodiac
- 8 Skating exhibition
- 9 Cut into cubes
- 10 "Days of Grace" writer Arthur
- 11 Malamutes' burden
- 12 Bowlers, e.g.
- 13 Femoral joints
- 17 Manhandle
- 22 Listening device
- 24 He prompted God to test Job
- 25 Like many student films
- 26 Blacksmiths, at times
- 28 "___ noches!"
- 30 Surreal Spaniard
- 31 Jackson of music
- 32 Recurring "Star Trek" villains, with "the"
- 33 Hazardous haze
- 34 Possible result of trauma
- 35 Unwritten
- 36 Soldier in gray
- 37 Beast slain by Hercules
- 40 Coarse flour
- 42 Needing a rescue
- 43 Silas Marner's ward
- 45 Morse code symbol
- 47 Halloween handouts
- 49 Fitness craze of the '90s
- 50 Painful pulsation
- 51 "Let's stay calm here..."
- 52 Stainless steel containers
- 53 Resting on
- 54 Crowd sound
- 55 "Hells Bells" band
- 56 Liquor brand in cobalt blue bottles
- 60 De Armas of "Knives Out"
- 61 Retired M&M color
- 62 Mopey music

Blind Stitch

Hanh Huynh

ACROSS

- 1 Moment to take action
- 7 Type of cracker in a s'more
- 13 Educator/activist Castro
- 16 Brief moment
- 19 Nice smells
- 20 Historically nomadic group
- 21 Poem of praise
- 22 Hatchet, e.g.
- 23 *They love their mummies?
- 25 "You just got flamed!"
- 27 Something in the plus column
- 28 ___ the kicker (disrupted a field goal)
- 29 Coup d'___
- 31 Focus on an autostereogram
- 32 News anchor Holt
- 34 *Total bootlickers
- 36 "Chef's ___!"
- 39 Pay-___view
- 40 Leaves speechless
- 42 Museum pieces
- 43 "Neither snow ___ rain ..."
- 44 Flooring option
- 45 "War of the Currents" inventor
- 49 *Oregon's nickname
- 52 Body part with a drum
- 54 "Don't leave this spot, Spot"
- 55 Agitated state
- 56 Great Basin people
- 57 Was almost depleted
- 60 GPS suggestion
- 61 For fear that
- 62 Subj. for some aspiring bilinguals
- 63 ___ the children to bed
- 64 A centenarian's is at least 100
- 65 "Scientia potentia ___"
- 66 *Tiny British dogs
- 72 Includes on an email
- 74 "Affirmative"

- 75 Korean automaker
- 76 Not well-lit
- 77 "NBA Countdown" channel
- 80 Go bad
- 81 Walking on sunshine
- 83 Quibble
- 84 Not competent
- 86 Article with a stance
- 88 Corrosive chemical
- 89 *Largest city in Tanzania
- 91 Recovered after fainting
- 93 Like the stinkiest durian on a tree
- 96 Cardinal's baseball rival
- 97 Untruth
- 98 Certain woman with a younger lover
- 100 Tea, in Chinese
- 101 "M*A*S*H" actor Alan
- 102 *I'm descending this ladder!"
- 105 Used a hammer
- 107 Chateau de Chambord's valley
- 108 ___ of habeas corpus
- 109 Particles with + or - charges
- 110 Rich cake
- 114 Memory loss
- 116 2017 film about an obsessive tailor, or a hint to finding the word that's "sewn" into this puzzle
- 119 _niversal _roduct _ode
- 120 Texter's "Isn't that the truth?"
- 121 Donkey who said, "Don't blame me if it rains"
- 122 "As you wish, Captain!"
- 123 ___/her
- 124 Born as
- 125 Talked monotonously
- 126 Guys who may be grizzled

DOWN

- 1 Greek Earth goddess

1	G	O	T	I	M	E		7	G	R	A	H	A	M		13	S	A	L		16	S	E	C		
19	A	R	O	M	A	S		20	R	O	M	A	N	I		21	O	D	E		22	A	X	E		
23	E	G	Y	P	T	O		24	L	O	G	I	S	T	S		25	R	O	A		26	S	T	E	D
27	A	S	S	E	T		28	I	C	E	D		29	E	T	A	T		30		31	S	T	A	R	E
				32	L	E		33	S	T	E	R		34	S	Y	C	O		35	P	H	A	N	T	S
36	K	I	S	S		39	P	E	R		40	S	T	U	P	E	F	I	E	S						
42	A	R	T		43	N	O	R		44	C	A	R	P	E	T		45	E	D	I	S	O	N		48
49	B	E	A	V	E	R	S	T		51	A	T	E			52	E	A	R		54	S	T	A	Y	
55	U	N	R	E	S	T		56	U	T	E		57	R	A	N	L	O	W		59		60	R	T	E
61	L	E	S	T		62	E	S	L		63	P	U	T		64	A	G	E		65	E	S	T		
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80	R	O	T		81	E	L	A	T	E	D		83	N	I	T		84		85	U	N	A	B	L	E
86	O	P	E	D		87	L	Y	E			89	D	A	R	E	S		90	S	A	L	A	A	M	
91	C	A	M	E		92	T	O		93	R	I	P	E	S	T		96	C	U	B		97	L	I	E
				98	S	U	G	A	R	M	A	M	A		100	C	H	A		101	A	L	D	A		
102	C	O	M	I	N	G		104	D	O	W	N			105	N	A	I	L		106	E	D			
107	L	O	I	R	E		108	W	R	I	T		109	I	O	N	S		110	T	O	R	T	E		
114	A	M	N	E	S		115	I	A		116	P	H	A	N	T	O	M		118	T	H	R	E	A	D
119	U	P	C		120	I	K	R		121	E	E	Y	O	R	E		122	A	Y	E	A	Y	E		
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- 2 ACLU, UNICEF, etc.
- 3 Many Yuletide gifts
- 4 Drives to take action
- 5 Victorian pal
- 6 That, in Mexicali
- 7 Produce seller
- 8 "Understood," on a radio
- 9 Surrounded by
- 10 "She ___ her hands full"
- 11 Pays for hole cards
- 12 Make a keyboard error
- 13 "To an extent"
- 14 Hullabaloo
- 15 Rented
- 16 Horned underworld figure
- 17 Apply, like pressure
- 18 Relinquishes
- 24 Metric units of gasoline

- 26 Equilibrium
- 30 Powerful blackjack hand
- 33 Leopard feature
- 35 Polish dumplings
- 36 Capital of Afghanistan
- 37 Name hidden in "dire need"
- 38 Alpha Centauri, e.g.
- 40 Totally fill
- 41 Three, in Italian
- 43 Classic 8-bit console
- 44 ___ reflexes
- 46 Squishy therapeutic item
- 47 Cereal grains
- 48 Kremlin "no"
- 50 White House "no"
- 51 Heinie
- 53 Rousing device
- 57 Groove
- 58 Was humiliated
- 59 Li'l

- 62 Writing assignment
- 63 Certain parent
- 67 Whiskey type
- 68 Big name in corn flakes
- 69 Clear (of)
- 70 Bris or bar mitzvah
- 71 Word before "deal" or "ID"
- 72 Foam shoe sometimes worn in "sport mode"
- 73 Club where "Tony always tended bar," in a song
- 78 Burberry's check pattern, e.g.
- 79 Where Hercules fought a lion
- 82 Troublesome child
- 83 Org. with spies
- 84 Expected
- 85 Capture
- 87 Want badly
- 89 Rep who isn't a Rep.
- 90 Rift

- 92 Catches a radio broadcast
- 94 "What an exhausting day!"
- 95 NFL feline
- 99 In the know
- 100 Paddled in a camp boat
- 101 Absolutely loved
- 102 Christmas figure's surname
- 103 Pizzazz
- 104 Finely chop
- 105 "The Bells of ___ Dame"
- 106 ___ alcohol (biofuel)
- 109 Privy to
- 111 Printer paper unit
- 112 Actor Diggs
- 113 Garden with a serpent
- 115 Eisenhower's nickname
- 117 "Opus" actress Edebiri
- 118 Lao-tzu's "way"

You Should See the Other Guy! Pete Muller, Mack Meller, and Andrew White

ACROSS

- 1 Black or White
- 5 Bone on a ristorante menu
- 9 "Glengarry Glen Ross" playwright David
- 14 Brand that launched a horchata-inspired cookie flavor with 33-Across in June 2025
- 15 Teddy's cousin?
- 16 ___ Heep (British rock band named after a Dickens character)
- 17 Australian actor in Marvel movies
- 19 Timor-___ (Asia's newest country)
- 20 Half of a 2010s dance name
- 21 "___ Up and Dance" (5x platinum hit for Walk the Moon)
- 22 Pukalani porches
- 23 Laid eyes on, to Tweety
- 25 Like an empire with a capital at Constantinople
- 27 "In Your ___" (Peter Gabriel hit on which Tony Levin played bass)
- 29 Benatar who won four consecutive Best Female Rock Vocal Performance Grammys
- 30 Booker T.'s backers
- 31 Like "k" as a response
- 33 Gomez with the #1 hit "Lose You to Love Me"
- 36 Site for a yearly auto race
- 38 Radiating, as warmth

- 42 Prominent aardvark features
- 44 Talking and opening crinkly wrappers at the opera, e.g.
- 45 "Arrival" arrivals, in brief
- 48 Move the needle?
- 49 Birthplace of Toblerone
- 50 Descriptor for William in 1066
- 54 Guitar great Paul
- 55 Word appearing twice in the title of a 2007 #1 Justin Timberlake hit
- 56 Reduce the intensity of, as breath
- 58 One making a lot of returns, for short?
- 61 Tool used to make hash browns
- 62 Works by a notable Impressionist
- 64 Give a sneak peek of, as a new song
- 65 Apt name for a mechanic?
- 66 "Hollow" singer Kelly
- 67 Bar, at the bar
- 68 They run free, in brief
- 69 Roquefort milk sources

DOWN

- 1 Legend of music
- 2 51 preceder
- 3 "They said she died easy of a broken heart disease as I listened through the ___ trees" ("One Headlight" lyric)
- 4 Rocky Graziano had 52
- 5 Alternative text?

1	J	A	C	K		O	S	S	O		M	A	M	E	T			
14	O	R	E	O		15	T	H	E	O	16	U	R	I	A	H		
17	H	E	M	S	18	W	O	R	T	H	19	L	E	S	T	E		
20	N	A	E		21	S	H	U	T		22	L	A	N	A	I	S	
			23	T	A	W		25	B	Y	Z	A	N	T	I	N	E	
27	28	E	Y	E	S			29	P	A	T			30	M	G	S	
31	T	E	R	S	32	E		33	S	E	L	E	N	A				
36	D	A	Y	T	O	N	A		38	E	X	U	D	I	N	G		
				42	S	N	O	U	T	S		44	N	O	N	O	S	
45	46	47	E	T	S		48	S	E	W		49	B	E	R	N		
50	C	O	N	Q	U	E	R	O	R		54	L	E	S				
55	A	R	O	U	N	D		56	B	A	T	E		58	59	C	P	A
61	R	I	C	E	R		62	P	I	S	S	A	R	R	O	S		
64	T	E	A	S	E		65	O	T	T	O		66	T	O	R	I	
67	E	S	T	O	P		68	P	S	A	S		69	E	W	E	S	

©2025 | The meta for this puzzle is a famous country song.

- 6 Boxwood, for one
- 7 Emulate Gutenberg, maybe
- 8 Backup singer's syllable
- 9 Disney title heroine who sings "Reflection"
- 10 "___ you the guy who tried to hurt me with the word 'goodbye'?" (Dua Lipa lyric)
- 11 Point the wrong way, say
- 12 Joey Chestnut's forte
- 13 Defense mechanisms?
- 18 Dir. from the Grand Ole Opry House to Graceland
- 22 Thing on hand at a hospital?
- 24 Helping hands: Abbr.
- 26 Chain with chains
- 27 DFW datum
- 28 Slangy lead-in to big or high
- 32 Proterozoic or Phanerozoic, e.g.
- 33 Lead-in to kraut or braten
- 34 "Dominique" singer Soeur Sourire, e.g.
- 35 Purveyor of the recording software Audition
- 37 Barely beat, with "out"
- 39 How deposits might be held
- 40 Home of the band A-ha: Abbr.
- 41 "Family Feud" ailer
- 43 A quarter, informally
- 45 French trick-taking game with a pair of accented vowels in its name
- 46 Labour opponents
- 47 Antarctic expedition transport
- 51 Option on a Chipotle menu
- 52 Diplomat in NYC, maybe
- 53 Many a Bob Marley fan
- 54 Singer and actress Michele with the album "Louder"
- 57 Possessive on a Pei Wei menu
- 59 Scrutinize, with "over"
- 60 "Buyer beware"
- 62 Iggy dubbed the "Godfather of Punk"
- 63 Waze way: Abbr.

Against the Odds

1. Notice that six symmetrical themers all contain a number within.

THISEVENING
BRAWNINESS
PRISONERS
HIGHFIVED
RUTHREEVES
COMMELEVENT

2. Okay, but what now? A possible insight here that turns out to be relevant - and is in line with the title - is that none of these numbers begin or end their entries. They're all situated within, meaning that each one has two letters "against" it on either side (quite literally "against" the odds!)

In numeric order now:

ONE = SR
THREE = UV
FIVE = HD
SEVEN = II
NINE = WS
ELEVEN = MT

3. That doesn't look like much - is something else going on? The larger grid size likely implies yes, and we do need to go on a quest for six *other* entries (these are also symmetric!). These happen to be the *only* entries in the grid that contain those above bigrams that were against the odds.

ONE = SR = SRIRACHA
THREE = UV = RSTUVW
FIVE = HD = OHDEAR
SEVEN = II = SHIITAKE
NINE = WS = YELPREVIEWS
ELEVEN = MT = ALBUMTRACKS

4. SROSYA doesn't seem like much - and if we were doing initial letters, we might have been able to get smaller entries to work! Instead, we need to remember indexing and take the positioned letter corresponding to that number. These are bolded below:

1 - **SR**IRACHA
3 - R**ST**UVW
5 - O**H**DEAR
7 - S**HI**ITAKE
9 - Y**EL**PREVIEWS
11 - A**LB**UMTRACKS

Fireball Crosswords
Put Your Heads Together

The five long answers (17-, 31-, 44-, 56-, and 74-Across) consist of multiple words. Putting the heads of each word together spells **HOT**, **AX**, **WAR**, **AIR**, and **POT**, respectively. Prepending each word to **HEAD** matches one of the clues:

- HOTHEAD** = Impulsive sort (62-Across) = **NEURON**
- AXHEAD** = Sharpener target (63-Down) = **KNIFE**
- WARHEAD** = Missile's end (7-Down) = **TAIL**
- AIRHEAD** = Dolt (30-Across) = **IDIOT**
- POTHEAD** = Grass consumer (22-Across) = **HARE**

The first letters of the corresponding grid entries, in grid order from top to bottom, spell the answer: **THINK**.

- 31A: **APOLLO XII** was crewed by Pete Conrad, Alan Bean, and Dick Gordon.
- 31D: **ALVA** Myrdal and her husband Gunnar are the only married couple who have won separate Nobel Prizes. He won his in Economics.



ACROSS

- 1 Award shaped like a winged woman holding an atom
- 5 "Just a ___!"
- 8 Symbol in the Gotham City sky
- 11 ___-back (chill)
- 12 Fancy-schmancy
- 13 Letter after pi
- 14 Series of yoga poses performed to wake up the body
- 17 What humanitarian organizations provide

1	E	M	M	Y		5	S	E	C		8	B	A	10	T			
11	L	A	I	D		12	P	O	S	H		13	R	H	O			
14	S	U	N	S	15	A	L	U	T	A	16	T	I	O	N			
17	A	I	D		18	L	O	L		19	T	I	D	Y				
		20	B	21	R	I	T		22	A	B	L	E					
		23	B	L	O	G		24	E	C	O		25	T	26	W	27	O
28	G	O	O	D	29	N	I	G	H	T	30	M	O	O	N			
31	P	A	W		32	E	D	G	Y		33	O	B	O	E			
34	U	R	N		35	D	O	S			36	M	E	D	S			

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- 18 "u crack me up!"
- 19 Uncluttered
- 20 ___Box (streaming service with "EastEnders" and the original "The Office")
- 22 Competent
- 23 Personal website that might have a comments section
- 24 Environmentalist's prefix
- 25 Matinee time, perhaps
- 28 Children's story that takes place in a "great green room"
- 31 Otter's foot
- 32 Boldly unconventional
- 33 Woodwind that's usually not played in marching bands
- 34 Big vase
- 35 Cube root of ocho

- 36 Pharmacy pickups, for short

DOWN

- 1 "Anna Loves ___" (book based on "Frozen")
- 2 Island east of Lanai
- 3 "My head is exploding right now"
- 4 Halves of fathoms: Abbr.
- 5 2020 Pixar film about a jazz musician
- 6 Informal suffix for best or worst
- 7 Customer support option that might have a fake "Agent is typing..." message
- 8 One might make an account on theknot.com
- 9 "Hey, sailor!"

- 10 Immense weight
- 12 Section of a film's Wikipedia page
- 15 Straightened
- 16 ___ Tuesday (1980s new wave band)
- 21 Towel holder
- 22 Stiff and sore
- 23 Wild animal on a Gordon's Gin label
- 24 Fragile juggling props
- 26 What Lincoln Logs are made of
- 27 Possible change for a \$5 bill
- 28 Chip in many gaming PCs
- 29 Oath taker's words
- 30 Lisa Bonet, to Zoë Kravitz

March 31, 2025 - "By the Numbers" - Kaye Brown, edited by Brian Callahan

Kaye Brown

ACROSS

- 1 Lotion spec. that does not, I'm told, stand for "Solar Prevention Fluidity"
- 4 Fashion's Moss or Spade
- 8 Animator Disney (who is *supposedly* not cryogenically frozen)
- 10 "American ___"
- 11 It's "vera" good for your skin!
- 12 Word after book or breakfast
- 13 Demonstrated boredom, perhaps
- 15 Star that appears white but emits most strongly in the blue-green part of the visible light spectrum
- 16 Pay for your thoughts?
- 20 Diatribe
- 21 [not my mistake]
- 22 Martin of stand-up comedy
- 23 Tool that really carries its weight
- 25 It can be given or taken, but not borrowed
- 26 Card game with a follow-up called "Dos"
- 27 Adjective that can have a good connotation when -ass is added
- 28 "___, get some help" (memed line from a Michael Jordan anti-drug PSA)
- 30 Flashy fish
- 31 Dessert that is vastly superior to cake (this isn't up for debate)

- 34 Oahu, for one ... or an important location for 4-, 8-, 15-, 16-, and 23-Across on TV's "42-Across"
- 36 It's black on a bay and white or flaxen on a palomino
- 39 Not pro
- 40 "I'm interested" emoji
- 41 "Rubber Duckie" singer's roommate
- 42 ___ and found
- 43 Cry for help that might be written with rocks on the sand

DOWN

- 1 Influences, as an opinion
- 2 Smallest country that starts with "P" (in area AND population)
- 3 "Once the flight had ___" (Taylor Swift lyric)
- 4 More like Mister Rogers, say
- 5 There might be much of it about nothing
- 6 "___ Many Cooks" (Adult Swim comedy horror short)
- 7 The deer family's second largest species
- 9 Digital number?
- 14 Saga, or how you might describe one
- 17 Dubbed
- 18 Docs I might make my friends sign before spilling the tea
- 19 Throw forcefully, or what's said while throwing

1	S	2	P	3	F		4	K	5	A	6	T	7	E
8	W	A	L	9	T		10	I	D	O	L			
11	A	L	O	E			12	N	O	O	K			
13	Y	A	W	N	14	E	D							
15	S	U	N		16	P	E	N	N	17	Y			
				20	T	I	R	A	D	E				
			21	S	I	C		22	M	A	E			
23	J	24	A	C	K		25	T	E	S	T			
26	U	N	O		27	B	A	D						
28	S	T	O	29	P	I	T							
30	T	E	T	R	A			31	P	I	E		32	33
				34	I	S	35	L	A	N	D			
36	M	37	A	38	N	E		39	A	N	T	I		
40	E	Y	E	S				41	B	E	R	T		
42	L	O	S	T				43	S	O	S			

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- 20 ___Tok (social media app in many early 2025 headlines)
- 21 "Go on, git!"
- 23 That's fair!
- 24 Chip in?
- 25 Bit of ink
- 27 Unconscious ___
- 29 Andrew Scott's "hot" character on "Fleabag"
- 31 Framed glasses?
- 32 101 course word
- 33 Refines, as a manuscript
- 35 "Monster Mash" setting
- 36 B or C, of British pop
- 37 Edebiri of "The Bear"
- 38 "The Legend of Zelda" console

ACROSS

- 1 Rollaway bed
- 4 Destination for wellness and relaxation
- 7 Taro-based Polynesian dish
- 10 Lead-in to fix or mix

1	C	2	O	3	T		4	S	5	P	6	A		7	P	8	O	9	I		10	P	11	R	12	E
13	G	R	E	14	A	T	E	R		15	O	W	N	16	G	O	A	L								
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28	T	R	E	V	I				29	R	E	S		30	E	N	O	L	A							
31	W	I	N	E	S				32	E	D	S		33	S	I	L	K	Y							

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- 13 Bigger
- 15 Soccer oopsie resulting in a point for the other team
- 17 "If you don't want honesty, don't ask me!"

- 19 Site to visit when in Rome
- 20 Swampy area in the Southern U.S.
- 23 Candy aisle duo Mike and ___
- 24 Late ___ (person like me who chooses to sleep in as long as possible)
- 28 ___ Fountain (site you might also visit when in Rome)
- 29 High-___ image
- 30 Holmes portrayed by Millie Bobby Brown
- 31 Grape beverages that can be \$\$\$

- 32 Manuscript recipients: Abbr.
- 33 Like smooth skin

DOWN

- 1 Tech used for some SFX
- 2 Monster descended from corrupted elves
- 3 Much-better-tasting coffee alternative
- 4 Missouri city with a sculpture commemorating freedom suits
- 5 Orange's outer layer
- 6 Cabinet-wardrobe hybrid
- 7 Take control of, like a demon does
- 8 Scratch or scrape, to a kid
- 9 Provides a policy for

- 10 "Star Wars" pilot Dameron
- 11 "Call Me Maybe" singer Carly ___ Jepsen
- 12 Tree whose fruits look like little leaves
- 14 Nook
- 16 My star sign, whose symbol leads to my theory that I have a secret twin (no evidence yet but I'll keep you updated)
- 18 Posed a question
- 20 "oh, as it happens..."
- 21 Nickname for ___ana Grande
- 22 Japanese currency
- 25 It rises en el este
- 26 Majestic antlered animal
- 27 Sunbeam, e.g.

Shapewear

Shannon Rapp and Will Eisenberg

ACROSS

- 1 City known for its casinos, familiarly
- 6 Part of a detoxifying system
- 11 Courtroom excuse
- 12 2025 Best Picture winner
- 13 Vintage-inspired dress bottom
- 15 Major airport code in Georgia
- 16 Tolkien's talking tree
- 17 Spot to sleep at camp
- 18 Improv principle encouraging collaboration
- 20 Oh so
- 21 Natural material in kitchen counters
- 23 Googly craft store item
- 26 Rewrite a character's backstory, in television lingo
- 30 Marching band instrument, briefly
- 31 General on many Chinese menus
- 32 "Scuse me!" in the Midwest
- 33 SpongeBob's last name, and what he wears most days
- 36 Sound, on a broadcast
- 37 Call things off
- 38 Chemistry lab calculation
- 39 Animated characters

DOWN

- 1 Trip you might take to 1-Across, casually
- 2 Top-tier

1	V	2	E	3	G	4	A	5	S		6	L	7	I	8	V	9	E	10	R
11	A	L	I	B	I					12	A	N	O	R	A					
13	C	I	R	C	L	14	E	S	K	I	R	T								
15	A	T	L		16	E	N	T		17	C	O	T							
18	Y	E	S	19	A	N	D		20	V	E	R	Y							
				21	S	T	O	N	E											
23	E	24	Y	25	E	S		26	R	E	T	27	C	28	O	29	N			
30	S	A	X		31	T	S	O		32	O	P	E							
33	S	Q	U	34	A	R	E	P	35	A	N	T	S							
36	A	U	D	I	O			37	E	N	D	I	T							
38	Y	I	E	L	D			39	T	O	O	N	S							

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- 3 They run the world, per Beyoncé
- 4 "Abbott Elementary" network
- 5 Like the outskirts of Knoxville?
- 6 Endure
- 7 Squid's defense mechanism
- 8 ___ actor (part of a video game's cast)
- 9 Boo-boo
- 10 In tattered shape
- 14 Sign
- 19 Word after "smart" or "dumb"
- 20 Duck doc, say
- 22 Virtual creature like a Chia or JubJub
- 23 Part of a college application, perhaps
- 24 Indigenous people and language of Mexico
- 25 Give off, as charm
- 27 Resident-owned housing unit
- 28 Say "I'd love to get news and updates from you!"
- 29 Prepares for delivery?
- 31 Walked heavily
- 34 Be sick
- 35 Year, in Portugal

June 17, 2025 - "Well, It's Ablaut Time" - Alex Rossell Hayes, edited by Brian Callahan

Alex Rossell Hayes

ACROSS

- 1 It can be heard around the water cooler
- 5 Club for LGBTQ+ students and allies
- 8 Interjection seen in many "Batman" fight scenes
- 11 Dish made with dashi and fermented soy
- 13 Subculture that peaked between goth and scene
- 14 Milk flavoring that originally contained eggs, helping explain its name
- 15 Bath bathroom
- 16 Diminutive dent
- 17 Vietnamese currency (...is that the doorbell?)
- 18 Site that could theoretically be someone's preferred search engine
- 19 Item dorm dwellers should probably hide when the RA comes around (...am I imagining that "Inside Out" character?)
- 20 Online notification

- 21 Early video game (...what's with the rapid back-and-forth?)
- 22 Bad card in lowball poker
- 23 Rubber pet toy (...who's that on the Empire State Building?!)
- 24 Tiered towers
- 26 Like a bright paisley shirt
- 30 Ex-
- 31 What some crosswords are solved with
- 32 Register, in retail lingo (or an initialism to describe it if it goes on the fritz)
- 33 It can no longer be used by new cars in Ethiopia and Norway
- 34 Bias

DOWN

- 1 Vegetable from the CRISPR?
- 2 Tyler who aptly has 54 lines in the Lord of the Rings films (at least according to my count!)
- 3 Where Cyrus partied and Springsteen was born

1	G	L	U	G		G	S	A		B	A	M		
11	M	I	S	O	12	S	O	U	P		13	E	M	O
14	O	V	A	L	T	I	N	E		15	L	O	O	
				16	D	I	N	G		17	D	O	N	G
			18	B	I	N	G		19	B	O	N	G	
	20	P	I	N	G		21	P	O	N	G			
22	K	I	N	G		23	K	O	N	G				
24	P	A	G	O	25	D	A	S		26	L	O	U	D
30	O	N	E	T	I	M	E		31	E	A	S	E	
32	P	O	S		33	G	A	S		34	S	K	E	W

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- 4 "Minecraft" item that can be crafted into a clock or bartered with Piglins
- 5 Common word in auction chant
- 6 Performed vocally, like Caroline Polachek's "guitar solo" in "So Hot You're Hurting My Feelings"
- 7 Gibbon or human, taxonomically
- 8 Fit in
- 9 Surrounded by
- 10 First commercial synthesizer (it's actually pronounced with an "oh" sound despite its spelling)
- 12 Abrupt musical punctuation
- 17 Laptop hangers-on
- 18 Watches the seasons go by, in a way
- 19 You might say it before a voyage?
- 20 Instrument that at one point had "forte" in its name due to its dynamic range
- 21 Vogues
- 22 Genre occasionally blared across the DMZ
- 23 Sanskrit for "desire" (as seen in a noted sutra)
- 25 Enjoy
- 27 Pokémon professor who provides an appropriately strong foundation for new players
- 28 It's a better choice than "utilize," per some style guides
- 29 It might wet the bed (the flowerbed, that is)

Puzzmo, July 4, 2025 - "Bangers"

Amie Walker / ed. Will Eisenberg

ACROSS

- 1 "no waaaay!!!"
- 4 Person whose message you might reserve a whole page of your yearbook for
- 7 According to
- 8 "Yes," at Disneyland Paris
- 9 "Please, anything but that!"
- 13 Tony nod, informally
- 14 "Push one of ___" (call for adrenaline, on "Grey's Anatomy")
- 15 Morning-after pill brand
- 17 What two brides may do
- 18 ___ clowns (cowboy hat-wearing dancers in Chappell Roan's 2025 Grammys performance)
- 19 Surgery spaces, for short
- 20 "I ___ you one!"
- 21 Bhindi masala pod
- 23 "Things aren't too bad for me"
- 24 Small amounts of paint
- 25 Doc who does breast exams
- 26 Number of acts in "Heathers: The Musical"
- 29 Boatload
- 30 Alternative to "none of the above"
- 32 GPS calculation
- 33 Cheese lover, in many a cartoon
- 34 Place to take out cash: Abbr.
- 35 "Getting things done" hairstyle, for some
- 36 Like a Sears catalog purchase
- 40 The 2 in ily2
- 41 Taking Back Sunday genre
- 42 National Mall tree
- 43 Same old dull routine

DOWN

- 1 Make a choice
- 2 Noncommittal remark
- 3 "Explosive" Bruno Mars single
- 4 "Resounding" Vengaboys hit ... and a description for 3-, 6-, 24-, and 26-Down, in sequence
- 5 "Boots with the ___" (16-Down lyric that makes me wonder how could she simultaneously be wearing the "Reeboks with the straps"?)
- 6 "Sparkling" Katy Perry song
- 10 Sharpen
- 11 "The Phantom of the ___"
- 12 Frees (of)
- 15 WNBA player, e.g.
- 16 Flo Rida anthem that repeats its title 65 times
- 22 Results of boxing matches: Abbr.
- 23 McKellen who played Gandalf in the Lord of the Rings trilogy
- 24 "Blast" of a Taio Cruz tune
- 25 "I ___ hand it to you..."
- 26 "Crashing" Imagine Dragons track
- 27 "Scream" director Craven
- 28 "Minecraft" material
- 29 Mercury or Liberty, e.g.
- 31 Lil Nas X's Long Live Montero ___
- 37 "literally crying rn"

1 O	2 M	3 G		4 B	5 F	6 F	
7 P	E	R		8 O	U	I	
9 T	H	E	10 H	O	R	R	11 O
			13 N	O	M		14 E
15 P	16 L	A	N	B		17 W	E
18 R	O	D	E	O		19 O	R
20 O	W	E		21 O	22 K	R	A
			23 I	M	O	K	
		24 D	A	B	S		
	25 G	Y	N	O		26 T	27 W
29 T	O	N		30 O	31 T	H	E
32 E	T	A		33 M	O	U	S
34 A	T	M		35 B	U	N	
36 M	A	I	37 L	O	R	D	38 E
			40 T	O	O		41 E
			42 E	L	M		43 R
							39 T

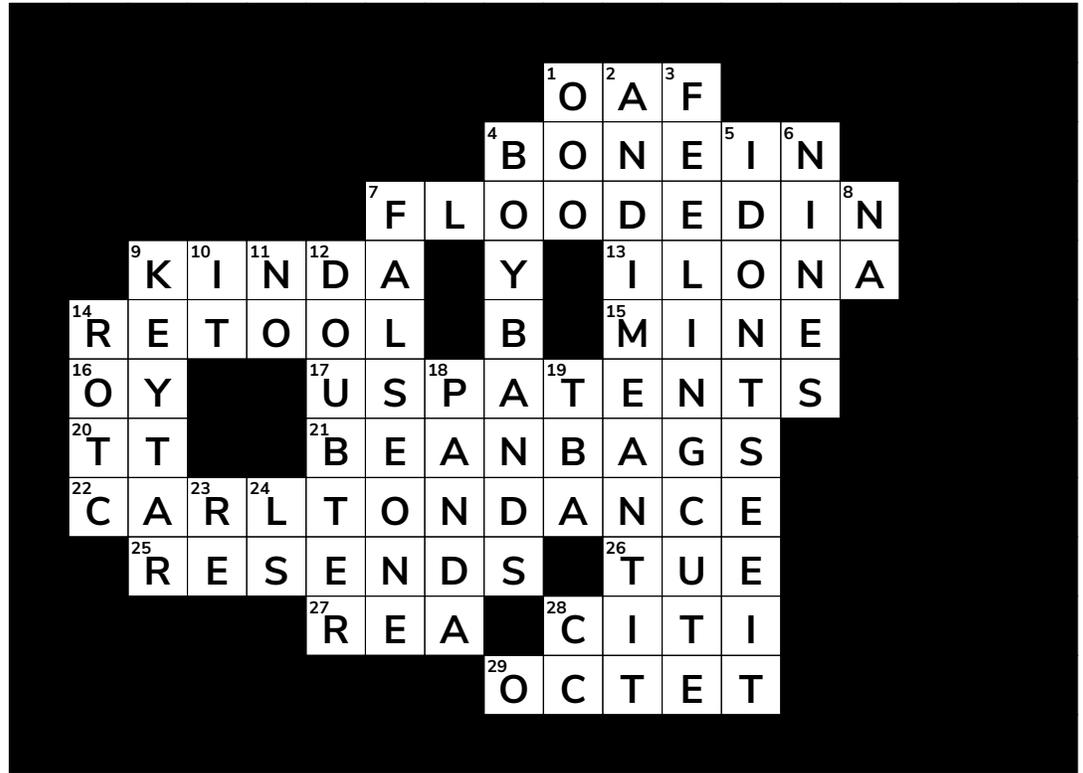
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38 Big Australian bird

39 What avocados seem to do if you miss a certain one-hour window

ACROSS

- 1 Chucklehead
- 4 How Snoopy would probably prefer his steak
- 7 Entered en mass
- 9 "Ma'am? What ____ test are we having today? Multiple choice? Good! I choose not to take it!" - Peppermint Patty
- 13 Maher of American rugby and Dancing with the Stars
- 14 Overhaul
- 15 "Other kids' baseball heroes hit home runs. ____ gets sent down to the minors!" - Charlie Brown



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- 16 Yiddish utterance
- 17 Protections for American inventors, briefly
- 20 Crying emoticon
- 21 Shapeless chairs
- 22 Move whipped out by Alfonso Ribeiro during his Dancing with the Stars debut
- 25 Tries again with the e-mail
- 26 Election Day abbr.
- 27 Mens ____ ("guilty mind" in law)
- 28 Name on a New York ballpark
- 29 The planets, since Pluto's unfortunate reclassification

- 3 Liking what you see in the mirror
- 4 "Turning Red"'s 4*Town, "That's so Raven"'s Boyz 'n Motion, and "The Simpsons"' Party Posse
- 5 "Hmm, just can't agree with your take on this"
- 6 Near-perfect scores on Dancing with the Stars
- 7 Pompey the Great's nickname in a Jacobean stage play about his death
- 8 Repeated syllable in Kylie Minogue's "Can't Get You Out of My Head"
- 9 Prince's Purpleaxe, for one
- 10 "Wouldn't __ be something if that Little Red-Haired Girl came over here and gave me a kiss? I'd say, "Thank you! What was that for?", and wouldn't __ be something if she said, "Because I've always loved you!" Then I'd give her a big hug, and she'd kiss me again! Wouldn't that be something? (Starts eating) Wouldn't __ be something if it turned out that french fries were good for you?" - Charlie Brown

- 11 "Hello? Information? Yes, I'd like to talk to a certain Little Red-Haired Girl... __, I already have her number... I was hoping you could tell me something else... What do I do when she answers the phone?" - Charlie Brown
- 12 Skeptic
- 14 Campus marching org.
- 18 The red creature in "Turning Red"
- 19 Placeholder letters

- 23 Second note in the solfege
- 24 Failures, in slang
- 28 Include one in an email, conspicuously

DOWN

- 1 Hug, hug, hug
- 2 "Did I stutter?"

ACROSS

- 1 "Wow, you finished already!"
- 12 Term for fear of palindromes that would upset someone with that fear
- 13 Yarn manufacturer?
- 14 Promote to customers
- 15 Swimsuit supermodel Cheryl
- 16 Tolkien tree hidden in "Tolkien tree"
- 17 City with a famous Punjabi population
- 19 Mothers in stable homes?
- 20 Buckwheat and Alfalfa's pal
- 22 Stat that makes "Stayin' Alive" good for performing CPR

1	T	H	A	T	W	A	S	F	A	S	T					
12	A	I	B	O	H	P	H	O	B	I	A					
13	S	T	O	R	Y	T	E	L	L	E	R					
14	T	O	U	T				15	T	I	E	G	S			
16	E	N	T		17	L	A	H	O	R	E					
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25	A	M	I	N	O					26	C	L	E	O		
27	L	I	Q	U	I	28	D	29	G	L	A	S	S			
30	T	R	U	E	R	O	M	A	N	C	E					
31	S	K	E	L	E	T	O	N	K	E	Y					

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- 25 Acid in bio class
- 26 Letters to ___ ('90s alt-rock band)
- 27 Design for Apple devices featuring "morphing transparent blobs," per WIRED
- 30 Tarantino-penned black comedy in which Val Kilmer plays Elvis
- 31 Opener of many doors

DOWN

- 1 "There's no accounting for ___"
- 2 Chat up, at a bar
- 3 Common website heading

- 4 Law school subject that sounds like a dessert
- 5 Word from an inquisitive kid
- 6 Hit song by Rosé and Bruno Mars based on a Korean drinking game
- 7 Nonbinary pronoun pair
- 8 Manuscript pages
- 9 More up to the task
- 10 Relentless attack
- 11 Sullies, as a reputation
- 17 Video game with a hard-boiled detective protagonist
- 18 Indiana Jones sought a lost one
- 19 "Encanto" songwriter Lin-___ Miranda
- 20 Self-satisfied look
- 21 Fit of ___ (state of annoyance)
- 22 Like some stares or checks
- 23 Fish, in Florence
- 24 Move casually
- 25 Secondary accounts on the socials
- 26 Wu-Tang, for one
- 28 Character before "com"
- 29 Non-___ (organic food label)

October 28, 2025 - "What'll It Be?" - Katie Hoody, edited by Matthew Luter

Katie Hoody

ACROSS

- 1 With 5-Across, a 25-Across seen in some football games
- 5 See 1-Across
- 9 Watertight fly-fishing gear that may be hip-, waist-, or chest-high
- 11 Way out there
- 12 Turn a dormitory into a dirty room, say
- 14 Like bright cheeks or a bright outlook
- 15 Touching moment in a baseball game
- 16 Break from screen time to reduce visual strain
- 18 Chord depicted as a snowman in some music theory books

- 33 "Anyone could do that!"
- 35 "Yeah, like that's gonna happen!"
- 36 Often foldable game component
- 37 Put on a performance
- 39 They provide real-world evidence that opposites attract
- 40 Tradition that may be religious (such as baptism) or secular (such as the annual return of the Pumpkin Spice Latte to Starbucks)
- 41 With 42-Across, an "ahh"-inducing 25-Across
- 42 See 41-Across

DOWN

- 20 Actor Aykroyd (or as I clued this in a puzzle I made as a second grader, "Name of 4 year old boy in our family")
- 21 Massive amount
- 22 Three-bean chili morsels
- 25 Choice on Halloween
- 27 Old-school weed whacker
- 29 Business with permanent prices and blowout sales
- 31 Mishap that a sippy cup might prevent

- 1 Derivative works that, broadly speaking, include my childhood drawings of Smurfs and Strawberry Shortcake
- 2 Tempo of the second movement of Beethoven's "Tempest" Sonata (it's the calm in the middle of the storm)
- 3 Brewery container
- 4 Put two and two together and came up with five
- 5 Many a youth sports coach

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- 6 Lofty things that are hard to explain
- 7 Cartoonist Thomas or publisher Condé
- 8 Taste, as a new-to-you food
- 9 "What's ___?" ("Jeopardy!" response for "Unit equal to one joule per second")
- 10 Utter
- 13 Who may come to a sporting event prepared to tape players
- 17 Writes a blog post entitled "From Bad to Worst: Top Ten Restaurants I'll Never Visit Again"
- 19 Headwear for one going stag on Halloween?
- 22 Holds in place, in a way
- 23 "Well, that makes sense"
- 24 Like all pool balls (even the stripes), scientifically speaking
- 26 Word before trip or hazard
- 28 Costumed character seen at many malls a month or so after Halloween
- 29 Lower oneself, physically or ethically
- 30 Yoga posture (corpse pose is a good choice for Halloween yoga!)
- 32 Shape of some peppermint candies
- 33 Bird with long legs and a long, curved bill
- 34 Area around the house often decorated for Halloween
- 38 "Party in the ___" (Weird Al parody with the lyric "We've got snazzy suits and ties / And a better dental plan than the FBI's")

November 11, 2025 - "Messy" - Kameron Austin Collins, edited by Will Eisenberg

Kameron Austin Collins

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ACROSS

- 1 Opinion of Islamic authority
- 6 Sends out, like an email blast
- 7 Expression rooted in communities and cultures rather than institutions
- 8 Climb for a cyclist
- 9 Manti ___ (footballer in the 2022 documentary "Untold: The Girlfriend Who Didn't Exist")
- 10 India of music
- 11 "Rugrats" dad
- 12 Quadrilateral
- 14 "The Righteous Gemstones" patriarch with a biblical name
- 15 Common variety of nail
- 16 "A Yank in the ___" (1941

DOWN

- 1 Textile worker who thickens wool
- 2 "Let me ___ you something"
- 3 "Ew!"
- 4 "Well, nice knowing all of you ... gulp!"
- 5 Shakes, in a way
- 6 Site that once hosted the "Obameter" and the "Biden Promise Tracker"
- 7 Parking places with easy access to a real hot spot?
- 8 Excessive negativity, in slang
- 13 Ecclesiastical properties
- 19 Baltimore's ___ House and Museum

AVCX Cryptic 1/23/25 by Jamie Ding, edited by Francis Heaney

Jamie Ding

Across

- 1** Get ready in a fit of pique (5)
- 4** Winter occurrence, and not a holiday celebrated by Christians (9)
- 9** Band member I loop in, wearing collared shirt (7)
- 10** Incredibly slow, partly retrograde, formulaic algorithm (7)
- 11** Area killer clown gripped by intense fear, ironically, at the end (9)
- 12** Carbon-free, nitrogen-free poultry produces gains (5)
- 13** Star of "Dog Days" is vocally intense (6)
- 15** Army base at the intersection of Fourth and Forest? (4)
- 17** Unclear results from fully exfoliating that enzyme (4)
- 18** Mother, business school grads -- they're venomous snakes (6)
- 22** Carrying Jack, wade across seaside inlet (5)
- 24** At last, Melville going after sexsxy and (mostly) thirsty author (9)
- 25** Adapted, turned around after ousting Republican (7)
- 26** Alice torn up about, for example, expressing sadness (7)
- 27** Audible signal mashed up swan, dove, and, finally, emu (5,4)

Down

- 1** They feel me up on the way (6)
- 2** Pop open popped corn in Charles's realm (6)
- 3** Edging, interrupted by hug and kiss and surrounded by compassion, creates closeness (9)
- 4** Some lingo, rizzed up, it's giving, say, enshittification (9)
- 5** Sport hairpiece with business in the front, party in the back (5)
- 6** Damn, Pikachu's trainer is dripping (5)
- 7** Attempt to hold in expressions of disgust and uncertainty, leading to shenanigans (8)
- 8** It might be made from pickles -- about 50, give or take? (6)
- 14** Significant other and yours truly were outside hotel at a place unknown (9)
- 15** Most ostentatious ballet slipper inspires shrinks (9)
- 16** Get from Mom a pot of unbelievably delicious Sichuan food (4,4)
- 19** Assassins' proposals (6)
- 20** Creative person's unusual traits (6)
- 21** Sting led by narcs gets church official (6)
- 23** Enthralled by Dungeons & Dragons, I have rapidly declined (5)
- 24** Have a drink without tight end, creating many-headed problem (5)

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CRYPTIC #216 (March 30, 2025)

Bob Weisz / ed. Dan Feyer

ACROSS

- 1 Barcode scanner in California less likely to speak (7)
- 5 Masculine Alfa Romeo comes with a Sephora item (7)
- 9 Part enshrined in pawprint in Tinseltown! (3,3,3)
- 10 Chilling with Oscar (not, like, the Grouch) (2,3)
- 11 Cooking halal mainstay with Asian seasoning (9,4)
- 13 Costner wildly changes character's backstory (7)
- 15 Fan's merch from a New Wave band? (7)
- 17 Staff accepts heartless, cruel, monstrous spokesperson with a spotless image? (2,5)
- 19 Friend and I about to flee into tiny country (7)

- 20 Alt-rock pioneer's vocals for "Needin' Another Drink"? (8,5)
- 24 Lea Michele occasionally becomes showrunner (5)
- 25 Constituents of Ocasio-Cortez criticize Rat Czar's tactics, organizing boycott (9)
- 26 Feel the heat in Wrestlemania? (7)
- 27 They loot Subway patrons, pocketing last slice of bologna (7)

DOWN

- 1 College dork scaring off principal with party popper (4)
- 2 Fake references about earning Yale's top math degree (9)
- 3 I'm assuming Roman god opened Pandora's box, for one (5)

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- 4 Startles, almost panics! (7)
- 5 Luna half-heartedly checked out Rich (7)
- 6 Fall for small romance novelist, right after series is canceled (5,4)
- 7 Foremost figures in auteurdom: Kiarostami, Iñárritu, Renoir, Almodóvar, and Kurosawa (5)
- 8 Number one home he put on Twitch (10)
- 12 For me, America is a giant thief known for starting fires (10)
- 14 Nothing prevents exercising like an exhausted budget (9)
- 16 Can holding in rage and ecstasy make you kind of orange? (9)
- 18 Superbright orange-red encapsulates independent film genre (3-4)
- 19 Trembles nervously when taking Larson's original lie detector (2,5)
- 21 Trimmed a couple bits from fuzzy part of the family tree (5)
- 22 Saudi neighbor coming up in a sec (5)
- 23 Discuss artistic inspiration for "Pet Sounds" (4)

pi guy cryptic 22

PiGuyN

ACROSS

- 1 Flipped mattress, time for sin (4)
- 3 What a tyrant tells leaders after periodically going mad with power? (8)
- 9 Log out without ending? Learn losing latest update hurts. Just start at the beginning... (7)
- 10 No leaving reruns playing in New York preschool (7)
- 11 Sounds sketchy? Becoming nervous... (8)
- 12 Fired up or upped the fire? (6)
- 14 Gets pot from bar? (10)
- 15 Part of the chorus that repeats? (4)
- 18 Giant causing some devastation (4)
- 19 Temple put off having crane repaired (10)
- 21 Tense after concerning impulse (6)
- 23 Crept awkwardly wearing whole rainbow (8)
- 26 "I'm intact!" *frown* (7)
- 27 Cork's place, roughly near lid (7)
- 28 I heard setter even teaches? Looking into it. (8)
- 29 Nuthatch has word after all? (4)

DOWN

- 1 Schools provided orange juice during parties (5)
- 13 Upset noble pulls broadcast of award (5, 5)
- 14 First car too old for insurance (8)
- 16 Bug Spooner's music teacher? (9)
- 17 Sicken poor Romeo with singular candy bar? (7)
- 20 Vampire ditches one design for remodel (6)
- 22 Just sharing space with ethereal sprite (5)
- 24 Center of dim back street (5)
- 25 Bit of ceremony coming up is simple (4)

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CRYPTIC #220 (April 27, 2025)

Ryan Patrick Smith / ed. Dan Feyer

ACROSS

- 1 Person on foot takes in holy construction to Egyptian deity in pyramids, perhaps (9)
- 6 Medium draws on ancient goddesses (5)
- 9 Perfectly logical reason for purchasing abacus? (7)
- 10 Break silence to obtain freedom (7)
- 11 Descriptor for professor in New York running across university time and time again (5)
- 12 Inferior carrying report back to tech support curses (9)
- 13 Everyone agrees noted show needs a remake (3,6)
- 15 Old executive's eighty-six and working (5)
- 16 Bug a doctor about onset of illness (5)
- 18 Retro WWII-era Luger rifle stocks defective (9)

- 20 Strategy after switching sides to dominate close game (3-3-3)
- 23 Hat's a hit, I hear (5)
- 25 Flatter a romantic partner, embracing what's outwardly uncool (7)
- 26 Inspect pair of weapons laid end to end (7)
- 27 Where to find "b" in "bowties"? (5)
- 28 Yay, he's drunk -- having drunk beforehand, apparently (2,4,3)

DOWN

- 1 Produce downturn? (3,2)
- 2 Bird nesting among bricks decided to move on (3,2,2)
- 3 Buddy with club in L.A. neighborhood (9)
- 4 Bland bit of marketing for oaky spirit (5)

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- 5 Reptile snarling at gorilla (9)
- 6 Came cycling around center of chicest city in the Middle East (5)
- 7 Spooner's prohibited footwear in play area (7)
- 8 Equal for one small, small number (essentially zero) (9)
- 13 Dysentery ultimately found in dubious tap water -- a killer on the American frontier (5,4)
- 14 Lazy and unable to capitalize? (9)
- 15 Riding horse, joust combatant decapitated in horrific scenario (9)
- 17 Condition arising from multiple servings of fruit drink? (7)
- 19 Pounds provided in incomplete manifest for petroleum, glycerin, etc. (7)
- 21 Pose as an agency's leader (5)
- 22 Recording throughout Spielberg project is hard (5)
- 24 Compel, e.g., Yeats to pen poem (5)

CRYPTIC #226 (June 15, 2025)

Will Nediger / ed. Dan Feyer

ACROSS

- 1 Make weak soup for poet (6)
- 4 Drinking establishments give the boot to people who can't legally drink (8)
- 9 First off, please confirm (6)
- 10 Two opposition leaders sabotaged Senate position with no incumbent (4,4)
- 12 Arena tour spans multiple countries (4)
- 13 Playing dual role, RN is someone who's skilled in many areas (3-7)
- 15 Start "All About Eve" late to get even (5)
- 16 Controversial cleverness metric pronounced Will Nediger most clever (2,4)
- 19 Type of fruit, large and round! (6)
- 20 Super Bowl LVIII star cut off ball carrier at the start (5)
- 23 Latin American Spanish for "Assembly of Guyana" (10)
- 24 Piece of cake from food stamp program (4)
- 26 Spooner's assignment: fix dinner at a luau (5,3)
- 27 Head south to drink tea (6)
- 28 Actor Gloria Grahame's debut and final performance (4,4)
- 29 \$1000 at Los Angeles airport activated alarm (6)

DOWN

- 1 Sprain ankle, dropping two articles in rain (8)

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- 2 Assumed position near Madonna character doing handstand (8)
- 3 Pick up extremely hirsute feet (4)
- 5 Not actually existing, like a number that's transcendental and rational (12)
- 6 Host and visitor stripped nude for piercing (6,4)
- 7 Corrects pair of dashes, dashes with nothing inside (6)
- 8 Burlesque show initially a bore (6)
- 11 Cantaloupe's core: calorie-conscious cap on consumption! (12)
- 14 Water-controlling technology leads to fog dispersing (10)
- 17 Intimate conversation is measure of chemistry with your ex? (5,3)
- 18 Prevent the closing of pro-Leo XIV organization, ultimately (4,4)
- 21 Wears polo and the like (6)
- 22 Both ends of ear canal are missing -- mysterious stuff (6)
- 25 Rank birds out loud (4)

Themeless Cryptic #5!

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ACROSS

- 1 Western Indian state? Such rubbish! Not a western state, an eastern state (13)
- 9 Hastily-written corpus* page emerges (5,2)
- 10 Region formed by riotous crime amidst multiple instances of anarchy (7)
- 11 Frisco, breaking up, held back tear in restaurant (5)
- 12 Test of loyalty, mostly true/false, getting 100% with half of test entered in (5,4)
- 14 Native to state "Hello" into microphone, look (11)

- 21 Anaconda with no head or tail encircles trunk, slithering towards the top in practically no time at all (11)
- 23 Claims other event-goers claimed a claim claimed by certain event-goers (2,2,5)
- 26 Will possibly getting the fuck out of fight to grant Mike first place (5)
- 28 P, perhaps: pressure, perfect, puzzle*s origin? (7)
- 29 *Ass or tits?* sides being taken in groups (7)
- 30 Finishes awards closet, excitedly putting Oscar inside (5,2,1,5)

DOWN

- 18 Exercise with us about a quarter before 3? (3)
- 20 Not falling in love with anyone? Announcing: Cupid*s Ammunition (3)
- 1 Goodness me! In Italy, converting a couple thousand to Canadian dollars? That's nutty (9)
- 2 Ladle pepper in * just a bit (5)

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- 3 Claim senator is drunk (9)
- 4 Series of bits from *The Case of Happy Cats and Dogs*? (4,5)
- 5 Big goof buffs up at university (5)
- 6 Perhaps Milk-Bone*s milk provider incorporates trace of riboflavin (5)
- 7 You can*t go with runner who worked with Vanna on Wheel of Fortune right now, you must go inside (4,1,4)
- 8 Party's bouncer (4)
- 13 Maybe they partner with division of Boar*s Head (3)
- 15 This elevated sorcerer getting sliced in half with sword? (9)
- 16 Dare to go head over heels, overcome by half-despondent bandit (9)
- 17 Maybe a Stone, most of Muse, and one leading member of Cream could make this together! (4,5)
- 19 Ultimately, the Atlanta Braves play without two infielders. Are we clear? (4,2,3)
- 22 A quiet kind of Wednesday? (3)
- 23 Activity on a road trip in northern US city, to a 14 (1,3)
- 24 Letter from the teaching assistant (5)
- 25 Top to bottom, 7 levels (5)
- 27 One star for *Anna Karenina*: *Trash* (5)

So Long, and Thanks for All the Cryptics

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ACROSS

- 1 Crossword's conclusion leaves spirit low (3)
MOOD
- 3 Wilding out on Instacart sale (11)
(ON INSTACART)*
- 9 Must if you visit Paris: the sewers (7)
NEED + LES
- 10 Cryptic dude's taking on with hesitation (7)
BRO(W)'S + ER
- 11 Duty to initially get consent (4)
T + ASK
- 12 Had kids cut sandwiches full-time (10)
RE(PRO)DUCED
- 14 NES button worse after sorting out Mario villain (6)
B + WORSE*
- 15 Skipping commencement, troubles relatives (5)
hAUNTS
- 16 10 editor Feyer starts to demolish an NYT (3)
Demolishing An Nyt
- 18 Victorian hat repelling large garden retreat (5)
BOWIER

- 19 US troops, in an oddly perfect world (6)
Us TrOoPs In An
- 23 Canal Italy rerouted using logic (10)
(CANAL ITALY)*
- 24 Be punched by oof... heavyweight Riddick (4)
B(OW)E
- 26 Falls over returning research assistant (7)
AGAIN< + RA
- 27 Update game official on limits of squash (7)
REF + RE + SquasH
- 28 Showtime eyes acquiring a thousand marketers (11)
SHO + P(K)EEPERS
- 29 What remains is for 16a to take a ___ (3)
BOW

DOWN

- 1 Spa job for grad somewhere provincial? (8)
MANI + TO + BA
- 2 Ran from lover's awkwardness (7)
IOVER'S AWkwardness
- 3 Reporter's behind story (4)
"tail"
- 4 Four ways to disrupt a Republican comeback (6)
A(N + S + W + E)R

1	M	O	O		3	T	R	A	N	S	A	C	T	I	O	N	
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23	A	N	A	L	Y	T	I	C	A	L		24	B	O	W	E	
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26	N	I	A	G	A	R	A		27	R	E	F	R	E	S	H	
	E		D		R		G		I		F		R		O		
28	S	H	O	P	K	E	E	P	E	R	S		29	B	O	W	

- 5 Husky soprano from southern Europe (8)
S + IBERIAN
- 6 Fashion I do not care to match (10)
(I DO NOT CARE)*
- 7 Small creatures in branches (7)
IN + SECTS
- 8 Dork around university - area poet? (6)
NER(U)D + A
- 13 Stadium frank we pay to order (6,4)
(FRANK WE PAY)*
- 16 What stops mold over wet period! (8)
D + RAIN + AGE &lit!
- 17 GMA, whose cast broadcast on TV (4,4)
(GMA WHOSE)*
- 18 Showing off undergarment versus hoo-ha (7)
BRA + V + ADO
- 20 Saw dog commonly getting into peanut butter (7)
P(ROVER)B
- 21 Announced trash resort in France (6)
"can"
- 22 Scary film vehicle - Aster's latest, that is (6)
CAR + R + IE
- 25 Out for frozen sweets, primarily ices (4)
Out For Frozen Sweets

Naked Massage

Nate Fricker // Ed. by Momes, Dob Olino, & Bob Weisz

ACROSS

- 1 Overtakes, no longer in second (6)
- 4 Stone Cold enters first in Rumble, doing alright (4)
- 7 Appeared excited to host free event in June (5,6)
- 9 Bars leader from returning while seizing power (4)
- 10 Rendition of duet is appropriate (6)
- 13 Occasionally tried a blintz morsel (6)
- 14 Recruiter casting you for Macbeth, maybe (4)
- 17 Brown bears in Nome rattled Teamster, for one (5,6)
- 19 Piece of rhubarb a keeper for cook (4)
- 20 Half-decent model stripped, revealing crack (6)

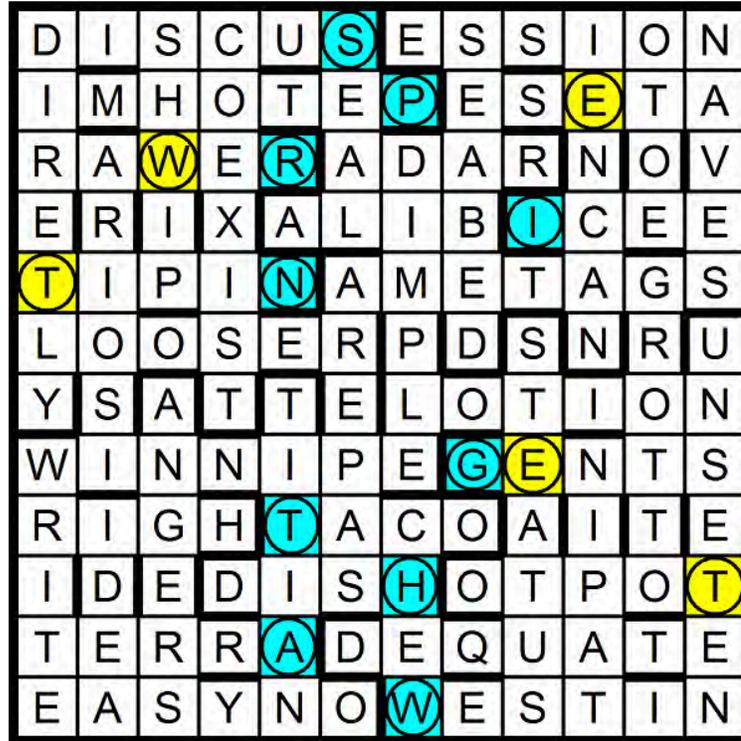
DOWN

- 1 What's needed to start printing with copier! (5)
- 2 Posted in gym, wearing sponsored clothing (7)
- 3 First place finishers in race trounced the competition (4)
- 5 Sounds like Gordon Ramsay's done making eggs? (3)
- 6 Massage... naked massage (5)
- 8 Go up against a second-rate university team's starter (4)
- 11 Perhaps Musk largely botched maneuvers to control Republican (4,3)

1	P	A	2	S	S	3	E	S		4	R	5	O	C	6	K
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19	B	A	K	E		20	D	E	C	O	D	E				

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- 12 Majority shareholder reportedly committin' perjury? (4)
- 13 Microsoft's latest drone initially boasts "like button" feature (5)
- 15 Maybe elder welcomes advent of Holy Trinity? (5)
- 16 Extremely humble about present (4)
- 18 Couple beginning flick ignored turn-off (3)



No Netflix and *chill* here, people -- the seasonal event in this *stream* is a **SPRING THAW**. The only thing that can interrupt it is the **TWEET** of a returning bird. I usually hate advertisements, but that's one I can get behind!

Across

- | | | |
|--------------|---|-------------------|
| 1 DISCUS | Endless talk about <u>what makes you hurl?</u> | DISCUSs |
| 5 SESSION | Kid tackles Messi, but not at first <u>meeting</u> | S(mESSI)ON |
| 10 IMHOTEP | <u>This guy's</u> in Egyptian pictures, primarily! | I'M + HOT + EP |
| 11 PESETA | Gym fixed with last of Nana's <u>old money</u> | PE + SET + A |
| 12 RAWER | <u>Cooked less</u> , nastier outside | double definition |
| 14 RADAR | It shows <u>bogies</u> coming from both directions | palindrome |
| 16 ALIBI | <u>Out</u> Dem investing in A.I. | A(LIB)I |
| 17 ICEE | Essentially kick weed, <u>drink</u> | kICk wEEd |
| 18 TIP-IN | <u>Easy score</u> - it revolved around ATM code (hyph.) | IT< + PIN |
| 19 NAME TAGS | <u>They identify</u> corrupt magnates (2 wds.) | MAGNATES* |
| 21 LOOSER | <u>Slacker</u> heads to UK, employer gutted | LOOS + EmployeR |
| 26 LOTION | NFLer incorporating overtime <u>moisturizer</u> | L(OT)ION |
| 27 WINNIPEG | <u>Capital</u> gain turned over in stake | WIN + IN + PEG |
| 28 GENTS | Good doctor beginning to stockpile <u>fellows</u> | G + ENT + S |
| 30 RIGHT | <u>Conservatives</u> glowing after inauguration | bRIGHT |
| 32 TACO | <u>Sort of shell</u> company led by college hire | TA + CO |
| 34 DISH | <u>Serve</u> , like a bad grade? | D-ISH |
| 35 HOT POT | Tooth broken gobbling petite <u>entrée</u> (2 wds.) | TOO(P)TH* |
| 36 TERRA | <u>Earth</u> : Jean Luc's stop on the return trip | ARRET< |
| 37 ADEQUATE | <u>Decent</u> spot to see match | AD + EQUATE |

38 EASY NOW

39 WESTIN

Whoa! We say no dancing (2 wds.)

Regularly spent weeks at giant hotel

WE SAY NO*

WeEkS aT glaNt

Down

1 DIRELY

Openly skips court in the worst way

DIREctLY

2 SHIP

Want to make out and craft?

double definition

3 COEXIST

Live together, oddly stoic about ex

ST(EX)OIC*

4 SEAL

Carnivore swimming close

double definition

6 SEABED

Germ-covered labs stripping wet floor

SE(IABs)ED

7 INCAN

Historically Peruvian, like much corn?

IN CAN

8 OTOE

Periodically host some Midwesterners

hOsT sOmE

9 NAVES

Church parts ways following bit of naughtiness

N + AVES

13 ARIOSI

Melodic passages used to make Mario sing

mARIO SIng

15 DIMPLE

Vague appeal -- almost something on the face

DIM + PLEa

19 AREPAS

Live with Dad's corny fare?

ARE + PA'S

20 GROTTO

Annoyed interns run recess

G(R)OT TO

22 STATUS

Drawing on people in sketchy Facebook posting

S(TAT)US

23 UNSEEN

Hidden ruins she meant to excavate on and off

rUiNs ShE mEaNt

24 ANGERS

Makes mad good songs after leader quits

bANGERS

25 TITIAN

Giant taking second to Tintoretto?!

TIT(I)AN

27 WRITE

Compose just for the audience

"right"

29 NIP AT

Bite tips of nails if panicked, also toes (2 wds.)

Nails If Panicked Also Toes

31 IDEA

Thought aide crooked

AIDE*

33 CHEW

Muse fell below top of chart

C + HEW

S	C	A	R	E	S	R	E	I	K	S
L	E	A	T	H	E	R	D	E	R	U
O	E	L	U	X	O	R	S	L	A	L
B	I	C	F	L	A	G	E	L	L	I
J	R	O	N	W	A	P	L	A	E	T
E	O	C	N	E	M	N	U	W	L	U
T	G	O	A	L	I	E	G	H	F	A
S	E	A	S	O	N	T	D	E	I	N
Y	T	S	C	S	T	S	A	L	R	A
R	S	E	A	U	E	I	M	P	E	L
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E	S	O	P	M	O	C	E	O	Y	T

The shaded entries make the desk lamp Luxo Jr., the Pixar mascot who appears before each Pixar movie.

- 1a) SCAR (S<-CAR(<-s); Back to the beginning for CARS)
- 1b) SLOB (S(L)OB)
- 1c) SELF (S+ELF)
- 2) SERAC (CARES<)
- 3) REX (“wrecks”)
- 4) EDSEL (rev. hidden)
- 5) SKIERS (KISSER with the inner S’s move to the outside; face INSIDE OUT)
- 6) LEATHER (TARHEEL*)
- 7) HERDER (HER+RED<; That girl TURNING RED)
- 8) DRAW (ddef)
- 9) OBJETS (BO<+JETS; “Nice” things)
- 10) LUXOR; L_+U+X+OR
- 11) LIT (LIT(-hium); just less than half of ELEMENTAL three)
- 12) COCOA (COCO+A; COCO one)
- 13a) FOOT (TO+OF<)
- 13b) FLAG (FLA+G)
- 14) LARK (L+ARK)
- 15) ILLEGAL (Hidden; Some RATATOUILLE gallivanting)
- 16) JILT (J_+LIT*)

Solutions to “Ode to Pixar”

- 17) ROGET (_RO_+G+ET)
- 18) PAWN (PAW+_N)
- 19) TEAL (TEA+L_)
- 20) MEDLEY (“meddle-y”)
- 21) WHELP (W+HELP)
- 22) GOALIE (G(_O_)A+LIE; Georgia grabs middle of TOY STORY)
- 23) INTEL (Hidden)
- 24) FIREFLY (LIFEFRY*; A BUG’S LIFE Fry after battering)
- 25) ANALYST (L inside ANASTY*; “Psycho trailer” as “word that can come after Psycho”)
- 26) SEASON (SEA’S+ON)
- 27) OCEAN (CANOE*)
- 28) DAMAGE (“DAM AGE”)
- 29) NAUTILUS (USAUNTIL*; Vehicle one could expect to be FINDING NEMO in, referencing *20,000 Leagues under the Sea*)
- 30) SOLE (“soul”; SOUL in your ear)
- 31) RIFLE (ddef.)
- 32) STEGO (S(T_E)+G)O; Very entertaining heartless THE GOOD DINOSAUR nickname)
- 33) IMPEL (“I M PEI”, pretending the final I is a lower-case L)
- 34) PATIENCE (“patients)
- 35) TASSEL (T_+SALES*)
- 36) FEARLESS (F_+EARLESS; Def is BRAVE)
- 37) EARN (EAR+_N)
- 38) TEA SET (TEASE+T_)
- 39) SLIGHT (ddef.)
- 40) ENTRY ((-s)ENTRY)
- 41) OASES (O+AS(E_)S)
- 42) MESSY (“Messi”)
- 43a) CHRISTEN (THEINCR(-edible)S*; cooking THE INCREDIBLES not edible)
- 43b) COMPOSE (SOMECOP*)
- 44) OGRES (hidden; MONSTERS INC(orporated). In Progress)

High Definition

1	T	2	A	R	3	T	4	M	5	O	N	6	T	A	7	N	8	A
	H	G	9	D	R	10	I	N	11	G	O	12	T	U	C			
13	E	R	I	E	L	E	E	14	T	A	L	C						
15	P	E	N	A	L	16	T	R	O	T	L	O						
17	R	E	E	D	E	R	18	A	L	A	R	M						
	I	D	R	S	19	N	I	L	20	S	21	D	22	O	M			
23	S	P	24	O	O	N	L	D	25	N	O	N	O					
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33	R	E	B	O	U	N	D	34	S	H	O	E						

For clues where the enumeration doesn't match the appropriate spaces in the grid, the "enumeration" serves as the otherwise absent definition.

ACROSS

- 1. 2x def.
- 4. "M ON TAN A" (Montana is the 41st state)
- 10. "I-N-G-O" + T[hird]
- 13. \EERIE\
- 14. TAL[e] + © (Talc is 1 on the Mohs hardness scale)
- 15. (NEPAL)*
- 16. (TORT)<
- 17. (DEER)<
- 18. A(LA)RM
- 19. NIL[e.]
- 23. S(P[repare])OON
- 25. \KNOW + NOH\

- 27. (LIAR)<
- 29. FED around (ZA)<
- 30. (IN)< + C[ano]E (The 69/nice call-and-response is a trope among the extremely online)
- 31. F + ETA
- 32. A(R)MOR
- 33. R(BE)<OUND &lit.
- 34. \SHOO\

DOWN

- 1. T(RESHIP)*ONER (On "The Prisoner," Patrick McGoohan was Number 6.)
- 2. Ag + REED
- 3. T[h]READS
- 4. M(I + (INN ELL)<)UM
- 5. (I ENROLL INTO)*
- 6. (UP UP) Caesar shift
- 7. (heLL UNtiL LUNatic)< (Null is the absence of a value)

- 8. A + CC + O + MM + O + DATE
- 9. DINER[o]
- 11. (LARGE)* + D(FOR)D (Gerald Ford was the 38th President)
- 12. (AT-AT)<
- 20. (FANS)< + U.S.
- 21. DOZE + N.
- 22. \WON TOO\
- 24. O[d-fashioned] + RCA
- 26. (E.V.) + IF
- 28. A+ [z]ERO



The Purloined Key

S	T	R	E	A	M	C	H	A	S	T	E
P	R	O	G	R	A	M	S	C	O	W	L
L	O	T	T	O	D	A	H	L	T	A	
A	A	E	E	M	A	T	E	E	V	S	P
S	C	R	E	A	M	T	E	N	E	T	S
H	U	S	E	S	G	E	N	E	V	A	E
S	M	A	N	G	E	E	R	O	S	P	
T	E	E	R	I	E	A	C	A	C	I	A
I	N	X	S	D	T	E	L	S	A	S	S
G	U	T	L	E	S	S	A	E	B	U	T
M	A	R	I	A	B	O	I	L	E	D	R
A	P	A	T	H	Y	P	R	E	T	T	Y

The culprit is the CHEATER; the key should be returned to the TEACHER.

ACROSS 1. STR(E)AM ("marts" rev.)

5. HA(S)TE 9. PROG + RAM ("gorp" rev.) 10.

SCOW + L 11. LOT + TO 13. DAH + LIA

(rev.) 16. SC(R)AM 17. T.E. + NETS

18. U(SE)S 19. GEEVA (anag.)

22. MAN(G)E 25. EROS (rev.) 27. E(E)RIE

29. A + CA + CIA 32. GU(TL)ESS ("LT" rev.)

33. ABUT (rev.) 34. M + ARIA (&lit)

35. B(OIL)ED 36. A(PATH)Y 37. P(R)ETTY

DOWN 1. S(P)LASH 2. ROTE ("wrote" hom.)

3. A(ROMA)S 4. M + ADAM 5. MATTER 6. A

+ CHE 7. S + OLVE ("love" anag.) 8. ELAPSE

(hid.) 10. SEEN ("scene" hom.) 12. TEE + N

14. A(CU)MEN 15. STASIS (anag.) 20. ERAS

(2 defs.) 21. S + IGMA ("magl" anag.)

23. IDEA (anag.) 24. GETS BY ("Gatsby"

letter change) 25. ECLAI + R ("Alke" anag.)

26. PAST + Y 28. EX + TRA ("art" rev.) 29. A

+ ESOP (rev.) 30. S + LIT 31. A + BET

It's in the Bag!

Andy Yingst

Across

- 1** * Marvel hero had been seen prior to *Spider-Man: Part 2* * Oeonophile to nab last of Friulano * Holding property belonging to comedian Henry
- 2** * Test with English and math questions posed (S)
- 3** * Jam band dropping a little hot nonsense * Pot wrapped in blunt (2 words)
- 4** * Post-doc, top in describing marine biology (6)
- 5** * Find expert to offer pointer (SE)
- 6** * Fish? Not any to catch, mid-November (4)
- 7** * Character originally seen in the sequel to *Street Fighter Alpha* * Yet to be converted, and thus damned (hyph.)
- 8** * Representatives with time to meet Charlie in New York (6)

- 9** * Someone who's smart leaves * Rock star doing a cover of the first single from *Tapestry*
- 10** * Turn sharply when vexing person cuts by (SW)
- 11** * Last episode of the season, apart from the middle bits, is smooth (4)
- 12** * Hendrix track in which he introduces wild joy and ecstasy (E, two wds.)
- 13** * Planner removing park from jetport's redesign (6)
- 14** * Large avocado falls, becoming slightly less than round * Box lid Liz and me never opened shows rust
- 15** * Small pony possibly misses Twilight Sparkle? * Angry when businesswoman finally entered and saw logs
- 16** * Note wrapped around gold key * More episodes are non-plot-related than initially intended

1	W	A	2	S	3	P	4	O	5	I	6	N	T	7	BLANK	L
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	N	U	T	9	S	T	A	T	D	M	10	V				
	O	11	F	A	12	H	E	Y	13	J	O	E	14	O		
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	N	I	30	S	31	C	R	32	A	33	B	34	B	L	35	E

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- 17** * Error following network path * Broadcast chill Disney show
- 18** * Pitched Alton's cooking (SE)
- 19** * Habitual fisher, possibly retired (5)
- 20** * Estimate *Man of La Mancha* had nine characters edited out (E)
- 21** * *Rent* cast producing version of *The Seagull* (4)
- 22** * Starting line-up from Edmonton will exclude relief pitcher (S)
- 23** * Curl part of the ear (4)
- 24** * Music producer cutting first part of refrain and increasing echo in Dre/Jay-Z short (NW)
- 25** * Fungus evolved with potassium instead of sulfur, as a defense system (4,2)
- 26** * Rewrote tweet that's a downer (N, two words)
- 27** * *Time's* last editor coming in from being on the outside (7)
- 28** * I heard he's gonna get better (E)
- 29** * Masked criminal emptied register in circus (5)
- 30** * [See Instructions]
- 31** * Wagon trail mostly goes to the south (N)
- 32** * Car is wrecked, with barely any function (6, abbr)
- 33** * Turn bold when facing death (N)
- 34** * Believe line if there's no dishonesty in angle (5)
- 35** * Avoid overturning after-school schedule (NW)

Fantastic Fours

P	A	S	O	U	T	H _{5L}	M	S	T	O	R	M	Y	1	B	2	L	3	A	4	N	5	C	6	H	7	E	8 th	R	9 th	A	10 th	R	11 th	A	12 th	F	13 th	T	14 th	S							
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I	R	E	S _{6L}	T	U	P _{2L}	4	G	5	A	6	P	7	I	8	N	9	G	10	C	8	A	9	L	10	U	11	M	12	N	13	U	S	22 th	S	23 th	O	24 th	P	25 th	H	26 th	I	27 th	A	28 th	B	
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The four sets are cardinal directions (north, east, west, south); colors used in printing (cyan, magenta, yellow, black), Golden Girls (Dorothy, Rose, Blanche, Sophia), and Pac-Man ghosts (Inky, Blinky, Pinky, Clyde).

ACROSS

- MEG RYAN: (GERMANY)*
SUBTYPE: (PUBES)* around TY
- ENTERON: ENTER + ON
TIPSIER: (SPRITE I)*
ALUMNUS: AL[b]UM + (SUN)<
FRIENDO: FRI. + ENDO
- OBIE: boOBIEs
WILL: W[hat's] + I'll &lit.
- REST UP: (PR[o]TEUS)*
IN CASH: INC. + ASH *Ash, a Pokémon trainer, is the main human character in that franchise.*
KNEW IT: K(NEW)IT
RIPPLE: RI(PP.)LE
- RING POP: RING + POP
SKI AREA: (KAISER)* + A
AMOEBAE: AMO[r]E + BAE
- LYNDA: (LADY)* around [amazo]N &lit.
RASPY: (RAPS)* + Y.

DOWN

- RAFTS: (FARTS)*
OOH: [CH₃C]OOH
ACE: [f]ACE &lit.
LOL: LOL[l]
RYU: cRY Uncle
- NEMO: (OMEN)<
NAME: N/A + ME &lit.
- NEATER: N. + EATER
GAPING: GA(P.I.)NG
CON AIR: CO. + NA[d]IR
- NEO: NE[p]O
ELL: pipELline
HMU: schMUck
DIP: (PI+D.)<
- UPTURN: oUtPuT cUrReNt
LITANY: LIT + ANY
TUNE IN: TÚ + NEIN
- PRICEY: PR(I.C.E.)Y
STORMY: (MOST[l → R]Y)*
ASTRAL (ALTARS)*
- TOUR: \“TWO-ER”\
EST'D: “e-S.T.D.” *You will find EST'D on signs alongside the date something was established.*
AMID: AM + I + D
- AIRY: [d]AIRY
BIAS: BI[g] AS[k]
STEP: STEP[hen]
GAEL: \GALE\
OGs: \“OH GEEZ”\
CEL: \SELL\
WAD: WA[s]D *The WASD keys on the keyboard are commonly used to give four directions of movement in computer games.*
PEP: P.E. + P[oms] &lit.



Boxes

PA	PA	B	E	A	R	P	O	W	D	E	R
M	C	E	S	C	H	E	R	I	E	N	E
PA	M	D	T	E	N	T	D	R	E	S	S
S	A	L	E	T	I	D	I	E	D	U	P
S	N	A	P	O	A	O	F	T	I	R	E
N	S	M	PA	N	D	O	R	A	P	E	C
O	N	PA	R	E	J	R	E	P	E	R	T
W	O	R	E	D	O	W	N	P	R	E	P
P	R	O	N	O	U	N	C	E	S	PA	O
E	E	A	T	O	R	T	HOPE	D	I	C	S
A	R	M	S	PA	N	PA	N	C	A	K	E

Each shaded box contains either a P, an A or a PA—in other words, P and/or A, revealed at the central entry, P AND OR A. A bonus box contains what's left in Pandora's Box after the evils of the world escape: HOPE.

ACROSS 1. PAP(AB)EAR ("pap smear" - SM) 5. POW(D)ER 10. MC(YES) + CHER 12. TENT DRESS (anag.) 13. ScALE 14. TI(DIED + U)P 15. S + NAP 18. TIRE (2 defs.) 20. PANDORA 22. ON PAR (rev.) 23. PE + RAT 25. WO(RED) + OWN 27. P(RE)P ("role" - OL) 29. PRONOUN + CE ("cringe" - "ring") 30. ORTH(OPED)ICS ("ostrich" anag.) 31. A + R + M(SP)AN 32. PANCAKE (anag.)

DOWN 1. P(A + MP)AS 2. PPA oQMAN (rev.) 3. BED + LAM 4. AC(E)TONE 5. PE(TDOO)R ("to do" anag.) 6. WIRETAPPED (anag.) 7. DEED ("debated" - "bat") & ENSU(R)E 9. RESPECT ("Spectre" cyded) 11. STEPPARENTS (anag.) 15. S(NOW)PEAR 16. AD + JO + URN ("OJ" rev.) 17. FREN + CHOP + EN ("nerf" rev.) 19. SNORER (rev. hidden) 21. PERSIA (anag.) 24. REP + SACK 26. ROAM (first letters) 28. POISE



The extra letters in clues spell out R-E-D B-U-L-L, which will turn anybody's **soup** puzzle into a **so-up** puzzle. It's a good thing the requisite HYPHEN is provided in the middle of the grid. I'm so up to go make some more puzzles, and maybe even some soup for dinner.

- | | | |
|----------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| A AVOW | <u>Announce</u> answer at volume that's painful (4) | A + V + OW |
| B BUSTLE | Servant squashing small <u>commotion</u> (6) | R BU(S)TLER |
| C CASSIUS | <u>Old senator</u> getting you into blackcurrant liqueur (7) | CASSI(U)S |
| CHANSON | <u>Song in French</u> essentially wrecked MMMBop band (7) | C + HANSON |
| COLOSSI | Company beating foremost of industry <u>titans</u> (7) | CO + LOSS + I |
| D DYES | <u>Salon jobs</u> – fades, we're told (4) | "dies" |
| E ERIE | <u>Lake</u> Ireland must return (4) | EIRE< |
| ETHICAL | <u>Right</u> box drink to split with others (7) | ET(HI-C)AL |
| F FRYBREAD | <u>Native staple</u> alternately taken for rye, barley, and tea (8) | E FoR rYe BaRIEY AnD TEa |
| G GOING PRO | Playing on gig, or taking piano <u>off to bigger places?</u> (5,3) | ON GI(P)G OR* |
| H HORROR | <u>Dread</u> zeros in HR bringing in Republicans (6) | H(O(R R)O)R |
| I IGNORE IT | <u>Forget that</u> Instagram and negative, heartless Reddit (6,2) | IG + NO + REDdIT |
| J JUDI | <u>Actress Dench</u> opens jaunty Universal drama doing improv (4) | D Ja. Un. Dr. Do. Im. |
| K KIBOSH | Family skipping last Boston hotel <u>stop</u> (6) | KIn + BOS + H |
| L LYNX | <u>Cat</u> connects via the tongue (4) | "links" |
| M MEUNIERE | Excellent uni infuses pure <u>butter sauce</u> (8) | M(E + UNI)ERE |
| N NAUGAHYDE | <u>Fake leather</u> bag with any-hued buckles (9) | B BAG ANY-HUED* |
| NODDED | <u>Agreed</u> retro TV room embraces "quirky" (6) | D(ODD)EN< |
| O OMERTA | Boomer talk contains secret <u>code</u> (6) | boOMER TALK |
| P PLUS-SIZE | <u>Larger</u> LP issue reworked to cover Zeppelin's first (4-4) | LP ISSU(Z)E* |
| Q QUARRY | <u>Game</u> people dig around here (6) | double definition |
| R RASTA | Dorm heads with fraternity T <u>like Bob Marley</u> (5) | U RAS + TA# |
| RILE UP | <u>Annoy</u> half of Lima, Peru in travels (4,2) | Lima PERU* |
| S SMUG | <u>Puffed up</u> flossing targets receded (4) | GUMS< |
| T TAHITI | <u>Island</u> capital hit Indonesian stocks (6) | L capiTAL- HIT Indonesian |
| U UNDONE | Peacekeepers put on Earth <u>not finished yet</u> (6) | UN + DON + E |
| V VISCERA | Constructor wearing mostly Versace modeled <u>guts</u> (7) | V(I)ERSACe* |
| W WHIPSAW | <u>Tool</u> with joints pursued by law (7) | L W + HIPS + LAW |
| WORLD CUP | Struggling CW proud to carry large <u>sports event</u> (5,3) | CW P(L)ROUD* |
| X XENON | Zip around chasing unknown <u>element</u> (5) | X + NONE< |
| Y YAWING | <u>Off axis, in flight!</u> (6) | Y + AWING &!t |
| Z ZOOT SUITS | Menagerie birds around us <u>flipping flashy raiments</u> (4,5) | ZOO T(US<)ITS |

1e BEETS (“beats”, referencing the headphones “Beats by Dre”)
 1se BAK(-e)+LAVA (“Lava” as in a lava cake.)
 2w B_+E_
 3e BOW(-l)
 4s BRA (odds in burlap)
 5e H+ANG’S
 6sw N+EAR
 7e SYRUP=((-c)YPRUS)*
 8w K(EYE)R
 9se WISE (hidden)
 10w WHA [as in “wha???”] (hidden)
 11n W(REC)KS
 12se “AS (-a) SET”
 12w DOLL(-ar) (Two thirds of a dollar)
 13n RO(-g)UE
 14s BOO (ddef.)
 15n RYES (“rise”)
 16s ARNETT=A_+TRENT*
 (Referencing comedian Will Arnett)
 18nw “US AGE”
 20n B(UMP)Y
 20nw B(RAY)S
 21e BAR+RE(-a)L
 21se BEDOUIN=(l(-c)EBOUND)*
 22nw ROLE(-x)
 23s TRON*
 24w LIN<
 25s AUDIT=odds in “a Buddhist”
 26nw (-sho)ES+SAY
 27ne VERILY=LIVER*+Y (“and” in Spanish)
 28e DIAPER<
 29s AMUSE (rev. hidden)
 30ne P_+LOVER
 31nw LE(-v)IS
 32w RED+O
 33n WONDER=(RED+NOW)<
 34e TRIP+_E
 35n G(LOVE)B+O+X
 35nw GENIAL=“like a genie”
 36e TRU(-c_)E
 37n SHELVE (hidden)
 37ne SLUMP*
 38n PL_+UNDER
 38ne P(AU)L
 39ne T_+RASH
 39w APSE*
 40ne CO+(RD)+ON
 41nw L+OUT
 42nw TRIO (rev. hidden)
 42w TROUNCE*

The malfunctioning clues are entered in the grid in Pig Latin, as indicated cryptically by 17e SUS. (“Sus” is latin for “pig”.)

2e EBAY = 11n “website”

3e OBEY = 2w “follow”

10w AWAY = 9e “out”

11n XRAY = 30ne “whiskey chaser”

12w ALL-DAY = 22nw “24-hour”

14s UBE=3e “potato”

23s ENTRÉE=14d “course”

24w INLAY=26nw “insert”

30ne OVERPLAY=38ne “Exaggerate”

32n UNDERWAY=6e “Happening”

35e OUTRÉ=33e “bizarre”

38ne ASHTRAY=40nw “fireproof dish”

40n OUTLAY=25s “expense”

Connecting these squares creates a lil’ guy from “Among Us”, who is described by 19w SUS.

Y	A	B	E	E	T	S	O	B	E	Y
A	S	H	A	N	G	S	Y	R	U	P
R	E	Y	E	K	Y	A	W	A	O	M
X	Y	A	D	L	L	A	S	I	R	U
O	R	W	I	P	O	A	S	U	S	B
B	A	R	R	E	L	R	V	S	Y	E
E	E	E	Y	A	L	N	I	A	E	N
V	V	D	I	A	P	E	R	U	O	T
O	L	N	O	M	L	T	O	D	E	R
L	E	U	U	U	H	T	R	I	P	E
G	H	L	A	S	I	O	U	T	R	E
E	S	P	A	E	C	N	U	O	R	T



fluid motion

adrian johnson

ACROSS

- 1 "___, Brute!"
- 5 Bottom of a running shoe
- 9 Experiences the passage of time
- 13 Sentiment celebrated with pink, blue, and white face paint
- 16 One of 15 on a pentadecagon
- 17 Runner who became the first non-binary winner of San Francisco's Bay to Breakers in 2022
- 18 Metal BDSM enclosure
- 19 Initial gambit
- 20 Reached, as one's goals
- 22 Iguana or pot-bellied pig, to some
- 23 Skirt feature that shows more leg
- 24 Crops with altered DNA
- 27 "That hits the spot"
- 30 Easy hockey shot
- 33 Tool often wielded facing backward
- 34 "Slow down, what's the hurry?"
- 37 Runner's companion
- 39 Records kept by runners to track their workouts
- 40 Absolute flop
- 41 Brings in
- 42 NWA rapper MC ___
- 43 Drains of energy
- 44 Anticipatory nights
- 46 [mental gears churning]

- 48 Wannabes
- 52 Mascot of Northern Kentucky University (despite its founders' lack of connection to Scandinavia)
- 55 "How do you do, fellow swashbucklers?"
- 56 Non-binary runner who placed 7th in the Women's 1500m final at the Paris 2024 Olympics
- 59 Catalan surrealist Joan ___
- 60 Like odds that almost certainly can't be overcome
- 61 Annual speech with a designated survivor: Abbr.
- 62 Custom craft site
- 63 "Gadzooks!"

DOWN

- 1 "You get the idea"
- 2 "It's a ___!"
- 3 Like Zhang Ziyu, a 7ft 4in WNBA basketball prospect
- 4 Opens, as a plastic bottle
- 5 Sound of a withering tomato making contact with dry pavement
- 6 Kosovan-born singer Rita ___
- 7 Bean that can cure an "odd case of stripes," in a children's novel
- 8 Get a crossword draft ready for publication, say

1	E	T	T	U		5	S	O	L	E		9	A	G	E	S			
13	T	R	A	N	S	14	P	R	I	D	E	15		16	S	I	D	E	
17	C	A	L	C	A	L	A	M	I	A		18	C	A	G	E			
		19	P	L	A	N	A		20	A	T	T	21	A	I	N	E	D	
				22	P	E	T					23	S	L	I	T			
24	25	26	G	M	O	S		27	A	A	H		30	T	A	P	I	N	
33	O	A	R		34	I	T	S	N	O	T	A	R	A	C	E			
37	T	R	A	38	I	N	I	N	G	P	A	R	T	N	E	R			
39	M	I	L	E	A	G	E	L	O	G	S		40	D	U	D			
41	E	A	R	N	S		42	R	E	N		43	S	A	P	S			
			44	E	V	E	S				46	U	H	H					
48	C	49	O	P	Y	C	A	50	T	S		52	N	O	R	53	S	E	
55	A	H	O	Y			56	N	I	K	57	K	I	H	I	L	T	58	Z
59	M	I	R	O			60	S	L	I	M	T	O	N	O	N	E		
61	S	O	T	U				62	E	T	S	Y		63	E	G	A	D	

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- 9 What the "waves" symbolized by _._~" ~._~"~._~"~._~" ~._ are
- 10 Animal that inspired the 2022 Winter Olympic mascot Bing Dwen Dwen
- 11 Competitive advantage
- 12 #1, for Purdue, when they lost to Fairleigh Dickinson during the opening weekend of March Madness 2023
- 14 Aladdin ___ (David Bowie alter ego)
- 15 Breaks a Ramadan fast, say
- 21 Platforms for many unions?
- 24 "You know ... that's a great question"
- 25 Education pioneer ___ Montessori
- 26 Spoken-word piece?
- 27 Ed who played Santa in "Elf"
- 28 Perspective
- 29 Invitation to join a pedal pub
- 31 Chill out, perhaps?
- 32 Candies sometimes stuck to a licorice rope
- 34 "I'll be there shortly"
- 35 Comedienne Notaro
- 36 Thrift store attachment
- 38 Statement of internal jealousy
- 43 Where a hopeful person might be brought to their knees
- 45 Without
- 46 Wedding day feeling
- 47 Cream-filled cake since 1967
- 48 Virtual date needs, for short
- 49 Script ___ (marching band formation that's ceremonially "dotted" by a sousaphone player)
- 50 Mahjong piece
- 51 Work developed bit-by-bit?
- 53 Laborious walk
- 54 Highest volcano on the Mediterranean's largest island
- 57 The "K" in 10K, for short
- 58 One of New Zealand's two capitals?

What a Treat!

John Kugelman

ACROSS

- 1 Scott Joplin's "___ Leaf Rag"
- 6 Designer Head who inspired the fictional Edna Mode
- 11 H. pylori symptom
- 16 10/10
- 17 Ncuti ____, the Fifteenth Doctor
- 18 What's black and white and red all over, if you buy a red one
- 19 Drama ___
- 20 Preen
- 21 "Amazing" magician who spent his life debunking fraudsters
- 22 Timid
- 24 Provided
- 26 Blow it
- 27 Coward on the stage
- 28 Natalie's opposite in "Black Swan"
- 29 Mos. and mos.
- 30 Fast train to Stamford for the ACPT
- 32 Kinda
- 34 2025 Pixar pic
- 36 Super Bowl buys
- 40 British bank
- 43 They're deafening
- 44 Fixes potholes in, maybe
- 45 Genesis figure
- 46 A cousin
- 48 Prepped, as onions

- 49 Corporate slogan "Nothing Runs Like a ___"
- 50 Extremist of sorts
- 52 14-Down's publisher, whose logo is a craggy mountain
- 53 IQ-lowering, in a way
- 54 Sora makes it, with quotes around the last word
- 56 East Asian people
- 58 Warning to a 3-, 6-, 10-, 13-Down person about the dangers out there?
- 65 Palindromic Pokémon
- 66 All bangers no ___
- 67 Prada wearer, supposedly
- 68 Orca, for one
- 69 Nolan movie some claim actually had audible dialogue, but I don't buy it
- 70 Bold black tea

DOWN

- 1 Barrie contemporary
- 2 Holmes's foil
- 3 Foolish
- 4 ___ of God, band with the killer Guitar Hero II track "Laid to Rest"

1	M	2	A	3	P	4	L	5	E	6	E	7	D	8	I	9	T	10	H	11	U	12	L	13	C	14	E	15	R
16	I	D	E	A	L					17	G	A	T	18	W	A				18	P	I	A	N	O				
19	L	L	A	M	A					20	G	R	O	21	O	M				21	R	A	N	D	I				
22	N	E	B	B	I	23	S	H	Y			24	A	F	25	F	O	R	D	E	E	D							
26	E	R	R		27	N	O	E	L			28	M	I	L	A			29	Y	R	S							
			30	A	C	E	L	A						32	S	O	R	T	33	T	A								
34	E	L	I	O				36	A	D	S	P	O	T	S				40	H	S	B	C						
43	D	I	N	S				44	R	E	P	A	V	E	S				45	E	S	A	U						
46	A	L	E	P	47	H			48	D	I	C	E	D				49	D	E	E	R	E						
50	M	A	D	L	A	D			51			52	T	O	R			53	L	E	A	D	E	D					
				54	A	I	A		55	R	T			56	H	M	O	N	G										
58	T	H	E	Y	L	L	E	A	T	61	Y	O	U	A	L	I	V	E											
65	E	E	V	E	E				66	S	K	I	P	S				67	D	E	V	I	L						
68	A	W	A	R	D				69	T	E	N	E	T				70	A	S	S	A	M						

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- 5 J. Peterman's fictional underling
- 6 Cerebral
- 7 Hall of fame
- 8 Suffix for band or fin
- 9 My bed time after I start winding down at eleven
- 10 Clumsy
- 11 L L E Y
- 12 Tribal islander in many a Martin Gardner logic puzzle
- 13 Cowardly
- 14 "___'s Game"
- 15 Juice you probably don't want to drink (you do you though)
- 23 Type of foodless farm
- 25 Pull some string
- 31 Geeky poser
- 33 Band The Dude says he hates, getting him thrown out of a cab
- 34 Cheese that's made backwards (a very original clue shut up)
- 35 Sequel to "Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance" that shook my 16-year-old self
- 37 Watershed moment in comedy
- 38 Spanish nickname for Francisco
- 39 Talk up way too much
- 41 Right to ___ arms (freedom exercised when showing off your "guns")
- 42 Lined (up)
- 47 Summoned
- 49 "Gracias" reply
- 51 Indian lentils
- 53 Rocker Reed
- 55 Surfeit
- 57 More than more
- 58 Garden variety
- 59 Fell
- 60 Mendes in "The Other Guys"
- 61 Sn
- 62 Blood lines
- 63 ___ ferrata (scary climbing route for Alpine tourists)
- 64 Freddy's street

Double Faults

Michael Lieberman

ACROSS

- 1 Entertain
- 6 Palindromic, acronymic tracking tool
- 11 Federal agcy. that administers Medicare
- 14 With 26-Down, when some people take cheap shots?
- 15 Croatia's continent
- 16 "Talk real fast when I get nervous / ___ real fast, but that's on purpose" (Dessa lyric)
- 17 *Term for the group of schools in the Ivy League
- 19 Acronym before an alias
- 20 Dearest friends
- 21 Next step up from a crib
- 23 Burial receptacle
- 24 Free (of)
- 25 Paul's "The Great British Baking Show" co-host
- 26 One of a "hungry" foursome
- 29 Dedicative poems
- 31 Get high?
- 32 Number that's its own square root
- 33 *1985 teen fantasy comedy starring Anthony Michael Hall
- 37 Cold War initials
- 39 Common succulent
- 40 Civil rights activist Evers
- 41 Grade-school playtime
- 43 Prefix with -mania
- 45 Shout before doing something that's probably unwise

- 46 *Marxian term referring to the essence of humanity
- 49 Former
- 50 Just a little bit
- 51 La ___ Nostra
- 52 Shampooing step
- 54 Humorist Lebowitz
- 55 American Jewish staple food
- 56 Auction action
- 57 Made of clay
- 59 With 65-Across, two-part grammar rule whose parts are both violated by 17-, 33-, and 46-Across
- 64 "___ Baseball" (classic video game series)
- 65 See 59-Across
- 67 In the style of
- 68 Eggs, as in ___ rancheros
- 69 Like some chemical bonds or classical columns
- 70 "Steal My Sunshine" group
- 71 Useful Scrabble tiles
- 72 "___ knows what it means, but it's provocative" ("Blades of Glory" line)

DOWN

- 1 "Moby Dick" captain
- 2 Lion's ___ (mushroom species also called bearded hedgehog)
- 3 You might use them to check yourself out
- 4 New baby's output, more frequently than one would like

1	A	M	U	S	E			R	A	D	A	R			C	M	S				
14	H	A	P	P	Y		15	E	U	R	O	P	E		16	R	A	P			
17	A	N	C	I	E	N	18	T	E	I	G	H	T		19	A	K	A			
20	B	E	S	T	B	U	D	S		21	K	I	D	22	S	B	E	D			
				23	U	R	N			24	R	I	D		25	P	R	U	E		
26	H	I	P	P	O			29	O	D	E	S		31	L	E	A	P			
32	O	N	E			33	W	E	I	R	D	S	35	C	I	E	N	C	E	36	
37	U	S	S	R		38		39	A	L	O	E		40	M	E	D	G	A	R	
41	R	E	C	E	S	S		42		43	P	Y	R	O		45	Y	O	L	O	
46	S	P	E	C	I	E		47	S	B	E	I	N	G		48		49	O	L	D
		50	A	T	A	D			51	C	O	S	A		52	R	I	N	S	E	
54	F	R	A	N			55	L	O	X				56	B	I	D				
57	E	A	R	T	H	E	N			59	I	B	E	F	O	R	E	E			
64	R	B	I			65	E	X	C	E	P	T	A	F	T	E	R	C			
67	A	L	A			68	H	U	E	V	O	S			69	I	O	N	I	C	
70	L	E	N			71	E	S	S	E	S			72	N	O	O	N	E		

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- 5 "The People's ___" (The Rock's signature gimmick)
- 6 Feels regret about
- 7 Nickname found in "Maria"
- 8 Wet greeting when returning home
- 9 Crop-destroying insect
- 10 Not working anymore: Abbr.
- 11 Fried American Chinese appetizer
- 12 How umpires even things out after mistakes
- 13 Plot device?
- 15 Takeoff approx.
- 18 "Blood Sister: One Tough ___" (movie described in endnote 24 of "Infinite Jest")
- 22 Fast
- 24 Overnight flights
- 26 See 14-Across
- 27 Like two peas in a pod (idiomatically, not literally)
- 28 Person who eats eel but not veal
- 29 Standard ___ (infamous monopolist)
- 30 Cloud storage website
- 31 Distortion
- 34 Simplicity
- 35 "Let's go!"
- 36 Eat away at
- 38 Take back, as testimony
- 42 "Ice Age" sloth
- 44 Nickname found in "Maria"
- 47 Mounted lighting fixtures
- 48 Mythical creature that's half lion and half eagle
- 53 "Same here!"
- 54 Not domesticated
- 55 Car brand that rhymes with a U.S. state
- 56 Co-star of Betty, Rue, and Estelle
- 58 Little snicker
- 59 Stock market debuts: Abbr.
- 60 K-pop band behind "Dynamite" and "Butter"
- 61 Lake Tahoe neighbor
- 62 Lexicographer McKean
- 63 "___ homo" ("Behold the man")
- 66 Garden party?

ACROSS

- 1 Proverbially problematic person
- 9 "It ___ me to say ..."
- 14 Good source of polyphenols and monounsaturated fats
- 15 Obtained
- 16 Units of mass or explosive power
- 17 Has as a goal
- 18 College, to brits
- 19 Groups hired to manage a corporate scandal, for short
- 21 r/___ (subreddit with cute photos)
- 22 Felt
- 24 Begin to do?
- 25 Subreddit admin
- 26 ___ pad (disc golf starting area)
- 27 Currency introduced in 1792, for short
- 28 "Brave" singer Bareilles
- 29 Danish cheese
- 31 Structure similar to a pier
- 32 Making a crossword to encourage turnout for your Constructor of the Year campaign, e.g.
- 34 "___ Andronicus" (Shakespearean tragedy)

- 35 ___-first search (algorithm that finds the shortest path solution in unweighted graphs)
- 36 Decides
- 37 It surpassed "set" as the word with the most definitions in the OED
- 38 Athlete Michelle ___ West in the women's version of 39-Across
- 39 ___ Tour
- 40 Once menos nueve
- 41 Acknowledges, in a way
- 45 Belly, to a toddler
- 46 Allegedly core-strengthening belt
- 49 Spot for a cuddly cat
- 50 "Capeesh?"
- 52 "I could not agree more"
- 54 Crete or Socotra
- 55 Know someone who knows someone, say
- 56 Apple Watch data
- 57 It's unlikely to react

DOWN

- 1 Spurious
- 2 Flared skirt style
- 3 "Let's eat!"
- 4 "Selma" director DuVernay
- 5 Hypercorrections like "They invited Adam and I," to some grammar prescriptivists

1	B	A	D	A	P	P	L	E			9	P	A	I	N	S				
14	O	L	I	V	E	O	I	L			15	G	O	T	T	E	N			
16	G	I	G	A	T	O	N	S			17	A	I	M	S	T	O			
18	U	N	I			19	P	R	T	E	20	A	M	S		21	A	W	W	
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				26	T	E	E			27	U	S	D		28	S	A	R	A	
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36	O	P	T	S				37	R	U	N			38	W	I	E			
39	P	G	A			40	D	O	S				41	N	O	D	S	T	O	
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50	H	E	A	51	R	M	E			52	H	A	R	D	S	A	M	E		
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56	S	T	E	P	S					57	I	N	E	R	T	G	A	S		

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- 6 "Ah, I'm so sorry for you"
- 7 Dryer detritus
- 8 Please vote for me for Constructor of the Year or ___ I will be sad
- 9 Grace
- 10 Currently, in a text
- 11 "This person also swiped right on you!"
- 12 Financial stat tracked by Copilot or Monarch
- 13 Reason to miss school that I never experienced because I grew up in Brazil
- 15 Manipulated, as the system
- 20 Destination for some pop-ups
- 23 Standing
- 27 Tough move to pull off on a busy highway
- 28 Like air travelers during takeoff
- 29 Spicy dish wrapped in corn husk
- 30 Like software that handles errors and unexpected inputs gracefully
- 31 Force-ful individuals?
- 32 For whom a red carpet might be extended
- 33 Thing to avoid touching in a conversation
- 34 Provocation before a stunt
- 37 Like many monks and judges
- 40 Condemns to eternal suffering in hell
- 42 Ohio, to Gen Alpha
- 43 "So Into You" singer
- 44 Bids one club in bridge, say
- 47 "Fancy seeing you here!"
- 48 Scooper for dal makhani
- 51 Genre for GloRilla
- 53 Went unused

Endless Loop

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When you finish the puzzle, go to this link -- <https://nimble.li/p9lyyo4d> -- and enter the apt phrase spelled out by this puzzle's circled letters from top to bottom (all caps, no spaces) to reveal a special post-solve animation!

ACROSS

- 1 Hanging back?
- 5 Software that was replaced by Messages and FaceTime
- 10 Only even prime numero
- 13 Driver of "Ferrari"
- 14 Too many to count
- 15 Major liquidity event
- 16 Cooking device used in heavy rotation?
- 18 Porridge base... Washington sluggers... Food, slangily... Porridge base...
- 19 Like the money on a gift card
- 20 Show with a host of hosts... Bistro seasoning... Day, on Mars... Show with a host of hosts...
- 21 Feature of embellished writing?
- 22 "Tidying Up" author Kondo... Mushroom Kingdom hero... Bay Area county... "Tidying Up" author Kondo...
- 24 Early neologism for the world of streaming
- 27 "___ who!?"
- 28 ___ mode: power-saving option, often
- 31 Seepy stuff
- 33 Mother Earth, to the Greeks... Simmons of "Top Chef"... Mother Earth, to the Greeks... Acquire... Mother Earth, to the Greeks...
- 35 "Imagine" singer John
- 37 Nation dissolved by the Belovezha Accords
- 39 Unit of loudness... Arthur of comedy... Partner of Jerry... Arthur of comedy... Unit of loudness...
- 40 "Done!"
- 41 Jewish community of yore
- 43 Admiral's affirmative... Bill focused on science education... Admiral's affirmative... Pretzel-making need... Admiral's affirmative...

- 45 Chicken ___ Diavola
- 46 Campfire shape
- 47 Church area... Black dialect, to linguists... Take a bath... Black dialect, to linguists... Church area...
- 49 Something special one might have in mind?
- 50 Something found in a lock or a loch
- 51 SoCal sluggers, on scoreboards
- 53 Requisite resources
- 55 University donors, often... Neglected neighborhoods... Stone fruit used in pudding... University donors, often...
- 57 Portuguese explorer ___ da Gama
- 60 Total jerkwad... H.S. exams taken for college credit... Small energy sources... Total jerkwad...
- 61 Avant-garde 90s band named for the research wing of its record label
- 64 Infield shield... Figure skating champion Lipinski... Deck hands... Infield shield...

DOWN

- 1 Grumbles
- 2 Love, love, love
- 3 Elevator with continuously-cycling open compartments
- 4 "Lost" actress de Ravin
- 5 Rae who founded the production company Hoorae
- 6 Threaded in

1	C	A	P	E			I	C	H	A	T			D	O	S					
13	A	D	A	M			S	C	A	D	S				I	P	O				
16	R	O	T	I			S	S	E	R	I	E		18	ONE	A	T	S			
19	P	R	E	L	O	A	D	E	D				20	S	NEO	L					
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46	T	E	E	P	E	E				47	NALA	A	V	E		49	E	S	P		
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			60	A	SPA	S			61	S	T	E	R	E	O	L	A	B			
64	T	A	R	PAS					66	T	H	E	R	E	S	M	O	R	E		
67	A	L	A						68	S	O	A	M	I			69	I	O	N	S
70	J	I	B						71	A	W	M	A	N			72	E	P	E	E

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- 7 Baggy pants variety
- 8 Stripes worn by stars?
- 9 "Prufrock" poet inits.
- 10 Tactile volume adjuster
- 11 Choose
- 12 Giant letters written in the sand on a desert island, perhaps
- 17 Feature of ginger, but not garlic
- 18 Gender neutral pronoun... "The Matrix" role for Keanu Reeves... A long, long time... Gender neutral pronoun...
- 20 Word with "life" or "bite"
- 23 End another's shift
- 25 Theatrical technique where the actors stay frozen in place
- 26 Compete
- 28 Continuous cycle depicted three times in this puzzle
- 29 Winds up
- 30 Primed at the pump?
- 31 Joie de vivre
- 32 ___ Jackson aka Ice Cube
- 34 Codebreaker Turing... Singer Del Rey... Inclined to nitpick... "The Lion King" character voiced by Beyoncé... Codebreaker Turing
- 36 Director DaCosta
- 38 Embody, informally
- 42 Casino giveaways
- 44 Orange tuber
- 48 Overhangs
- 52 Lower-frequency talk radio broadcast
- 54 Harris who played Money Penny in the Craig "Bond" films
- 55 Biblical serpent... Soothing place... Hollywood helpers, for short... Biblical serpent...
- 56 Prepare, as soup dumplings
- 58 Beef, in Barcelona
- 59 What sumo wrestlers are, technically, by BMI values alone
- 60 Many an Omani
- 62 Humorist Bombeck
- 63 Jockey strap
- 64 ___ Mahal
- 65 "Sportsman of the Century," according to Sports Illustrated in 1999
- 66 Org. that hires X-ray operators without med school degrees