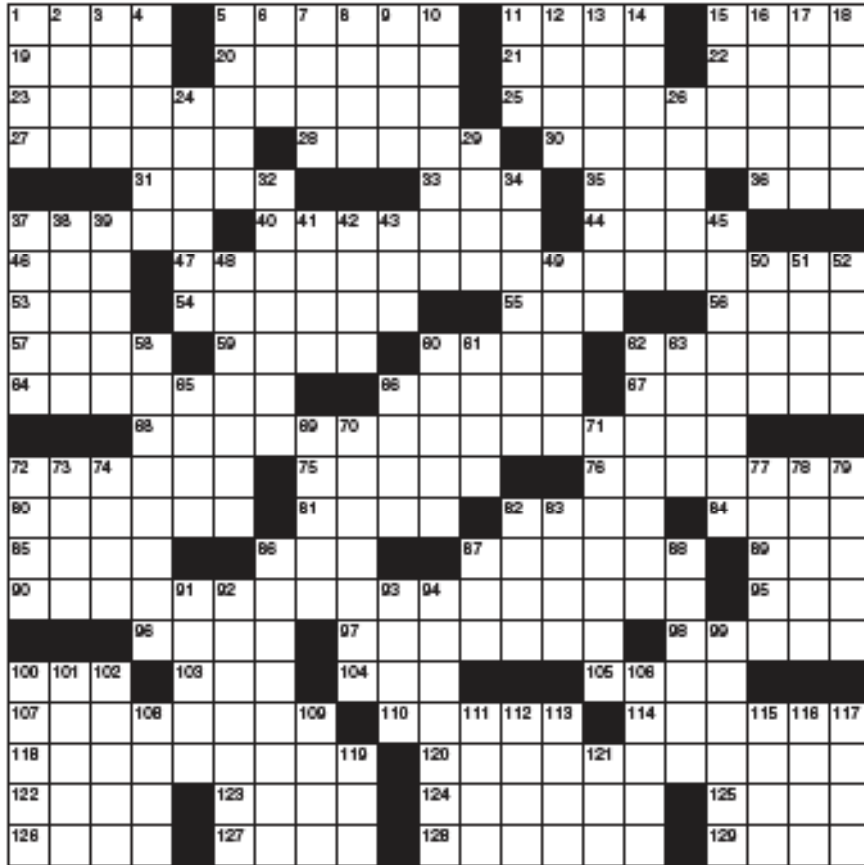


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- 1 Gymnast's bar
- 5 First elected member at Cooperstown
- 11 "___ delighted!"
- 15 Graham of rock
- 19 Bubbly locale
- 20 Barber's "___ for Strings"
- 21 Shark's offer
- 22 Himalayan legend
- 23 Nativity scene, perhaps
- 25 Area partly in Turkey
- 27 Toy-train maker
- 28 Joe of *My Cousin Vinny*
- 30 Act
- 31 "___ deal!"

- 33 Crystal ball, e.g.
- 35 Tooth-care org.
- 36 Sounds of understanding
- 37 Free-for-all
- 40 Candidate, at times
- 44 Gather selectively
- 46 *Exodus* hero
- 47 Sound-system staple
- 53 Address for a PC user
- 54 Baseball rarity
- 55 Frank McCourt memoir
- 56 Russell of *Felicity*
- 57 Ancient mariner
- 59 Celtic tongue
- 60 Womb mate
- 62 Glacial epoch

- 64 Rural utopia
- 66 Equatorially ample
- 67 Schindler portrayer
- 68 Boring
- 72 Very merry
- 75 Go around
- 76 Puts up a fight
- 80 With zeal
- 81 Variety
- 82 Having a hard time choosing
- 84 Coup target
- 85 Squad leader?
- 86 Smorgasbord fish
- 87 Tomei of *My Cousin Vinny*
- 89 Bowie collaborator
- 90 De Beers's claim

- 95 Psyche section
- 96 They're dubbed
- 97 Classified phrase
- 98 Flynn of film
- 100 Ref. work
- 103 Fin figure
- 104 Mai ___
- 105 Actress Merrill
- 107 Trigger, e.g.
- 110 Genuflected
- 114 Fluorescent pigment brand
- 118 Self-proclaimed
- 120 Gordon Gekko's motto
- 122 Old Dodge
- 123 Skunk's weapon
- 124 Designer Pucci
- 125 Impulse
- 126 Karaoke necessity

- 127 Quaint negative
- 128 Least speculative
- 129 Famous Fed

- 61 Point to the left
- 62 Deeply felt
- 63 Middling grades
- 65 Kind of citizenship

DOWN

- 1 Great time
- 2 Lou's *La Bamba* costar
- 3 Part of Welk's intro
- 4 Driver in some movies
- 5 Flip comment?
- 6 QB's gains
- 7 Shmoo creator
- 8 Eye
- 9 Leaning
- 10 Refuse to buy from
- 11 Variety
- 12 Arrange, as hair
- 13 Private quarters
- 14 Finally became
- 15 Big Board inits.
- 16 WellPoint competitor
- 17 Narc's discovery
- 18 Actor/dancer Gregory
- 24 Make out
- 26 Know-___ (wise guy)
- 29 Steamed
- 32 Fleet runner
- 34 Like a '60s invasion
- 37 ___ Loa
- 38 Trial partner
- 39 Pale purple
- 41 Omar of *House*
- 42 Make a bundle
- 43 Royal flush need
- 45 1813 naval-battle site
- 48 Radar of *M*A*S*H*
- 49 Muscle
- 50 Sounds heard in passing?
- 51 Hence
- 52 Zip, to Zola
- 58 Was imaginative
- 60 Car in a Beach Boys tune

- 66 Balder's father
- 69 Part of FAQ
- 70 One way to the top
- 71 Made it
- 72 Joe
- 73 Exiled Latin poet
- 74 End of a famous boast
- 77 Range rover
- 78 Letter after sierra, in radio lingo
- 79 Bar seat
- 82 Setting of a 1936 novel
- 83 Hershiser of *Baseball Tonight*
- 86 Baja seaport
- 87 Cal. pages
- 88 Places for fans
- 91 Florida State rival
- 92 "Crying" singer
- 93 Linger in the tub
- 94 Outer edges
- 99 Sci-fi weapon
- 100 Derby site
- 101 Wynonna's mom
- 102 Sound from a toaster
- 106 Jerk
- 108 Comic-strip dog
- 109 "Are we ___ off?"
- 111 Humorist Bombeck
- 112 Eric's son
- 113 Start to commute?
- 115 2007 Nobel Peace Prize winner
- 116 Stacked fuel
- 117 Lofty lines
- 119 Take a shot at
- 121 Insult at the center of this puzzle's long answers