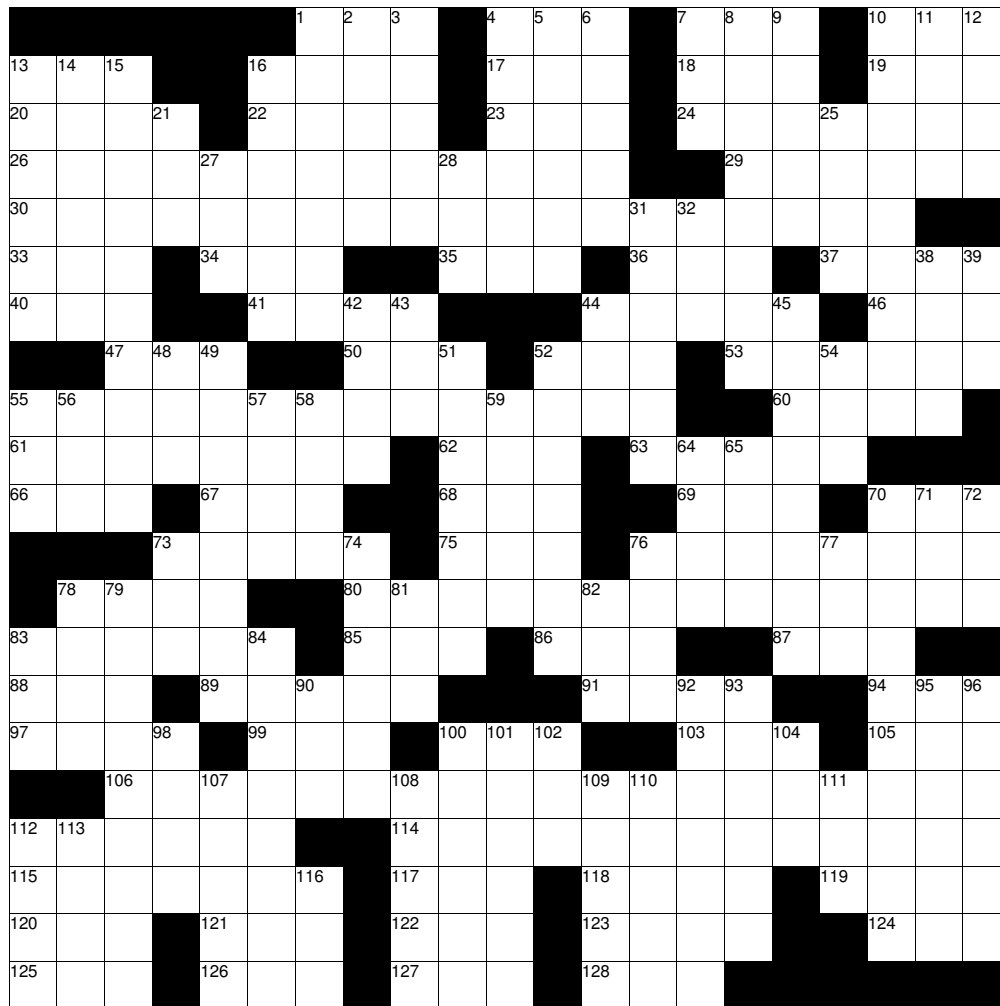


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**ACROSS**

- 1. Droop
- 4. Not bright
- 7. Driving offense
- 10. Killer \_\_\_\_\_
- 13. NNW, for one
- 16. "Ack!"
- 17. Brian in  
crosswords a lot
- 18. Ill's neighbor
- 19. Meadow
- 20. Fit for service
- 22. Finger end
- 23. Singer Cole
- 24. Edenic
- 26. X
- 29. Covets
- 30. X
- 33. Fish type
- 34. Mr. Lincoln
- 35. Plaything
- 36. Morsel
- 37. Beach covering
- 40. Put an \_\_\_\_ to
- 41. Tasty sea critter
- 44. Pointer
- 46. Kanga's kid
- 47. Simile words
- 50. Hob-\_\_\_\_
- 52. Language suffix
- 53. Exit
- 55. X
- 60. Small city
- 61. Italian boys
- 62. Co. name ends
- 63. Shoots a stun gun  
at
- 66. Tie settlers
- 67. Wrestling milieu
- 68. "Law and Order:  
\_\_\_\_"
- 69. Err
- 70. Yet
- 73. Head coverer
- 75. "\_\_\_\_ the season!"
- 76. Man nicknamed  
"the architect"
- 78. School test
- 80. X
- 83. Abyss
- 85. PBS's radio  
counterpart
- 86. Gal of song
- 87. Tree type
- 88. Greek H
- 89. Doesn't go
- 91. Smothers and  
Green
- 94. Old English letter
- 97. \_\_\_\_ Lee
- 99. Punk subgenre
- 100. Cat or dog
- 103. Above
- 105. Rapping Dr.
- 106. X
- 112. Put the lid on



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- 114. HGTV person
- 115. Extra songs
- 117. Thing to mine
- 118. Poker declaration
- 119. Roly-\_\_\_\_
- 120. School URL ender
- 121. 401k alternative
- 122. Morse code bit
- 123. Fix
- 124. Internet feed
- 125. Cry for help
- 126. Guinness suffix
- 127. Pack on the weight
- 128. Wooden thing

**DOWN**

- 1. Actor William
- 2. Note stating you  
owe something
- 3. "The \_\_\_\_" ('20s  
silent movie)
- 4. Actor Robert
- 5. Done within 24  
hours
- 6. Bates had one
- 7. 502, to Cicero
- 8. Type of tide

- 9. Driver's license, for  
one
- 10. Follower of pretty  
maids?
- 11. Soccer great
- 12. Doles out
- 13. Senility
- 14. Like Tehran
- 15. They can be long
- 16. Like "Squawk Box"
- 21. Cash dispenser
- 25. St. crossers
- 27. Car towers
- 28. Game \_\_\_\_ match
- 31. Tree place
- 32. Hockey great
- 38. Word type
- 39. Morse code bit
- 42. Insect types
- 43. Snake type
- 44. \_\_\_\_ see fit
- 45. Place of a famous  
war
- 48. Sis or bro
- 49. Horizon parts
- 51. Skin owie
- 52. Alibis

- 54. "Hey"s
- 55. First pay TV  
channel
- 56. Horse bit
- 57. \_\_\_\_ even keel
- 58. Denier's words
- 59. Looney Tunes  
weapon
- 64. Amo, \_\_\_\_, amat
- 65. Asian wear
- 70. Proofreader
- 71. T-X link
- 72. \_\_\_\_ Aviv
- 73. Tit for \_\_\_\_
- 74. The third and  
fourth words of the  
US national  
anthem
- 76. 1,000, for short
- 77. Genetic stuff
- 78. Friends of animals
- 79. Starz show
- 81. Prank types
- 82. Large tub
- 83. \_\_\_\_ Moines
- 84. Settlers
- 90. Mornings

- 92. Showing one's butt
- 93. Silver getter
- 95. Emits saliva
- 96. Kissinger and  
Gibson
- 98. Singer Guthrie
- 100. Will it play here?
- 101. 1955 murder victim  
Till
- 102. \_\_\_\_-kwon do
- 104. \_\_\_\_-4 pickup
- 107. Spooky
- 108. US Island?
- 109. Preen's partner
- 110. "\_\_\_\_ look!"
- 111. Type of water
- 112. Looks
- 113. Word form for  
within
- 116. Used a chair