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ANSWERS

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1 • Stronger Together

C.C. Burnikel



ACROSS

- 1 Filmmaker Haifaa Al Mansour, for one
- 5 Glasgow Airport travelers, typically
- 10 Part of a foot
- 14 Unhurried gait
- 15 Greeting in Maui
- 16 Qatari metropolis
- 17 *She's learning how to change diapers
- 20 O'Connor successor
- 21 Second addendum to an email (Abbr.)
- 22 Strasbourg's river
- 23 *Tangy summer treat
- 26 Far from stern
- 27 Klutz
- 28 Ingredient in some dandruff shampoos
- 32 Military maneuvers
- 36 "Who ___ to judge?"
- 37 "Wow!!"
- 39 Miss Piggy's query
- 40 Flaccid
- 42 Hockey or soccer
- 43 Super-impressed
- 44 Guiding principles
- 46 Silver medalist Midori who lit the Olympic cauldron in Nagano
- 47 Salty solution
- 48 Ill-suited
- 50 Guinness, e.g.
- 52 German chancellor Merkel
- 54 Topic for protestors
- 57 Scale that goes from 1 (talc) to 10 (diamond)
- 58 Snake River state
- 62 "We're hosed!"
- 63 Nabisco cookie
- 64 Like farmers' market veggies
- 65 "Suicide Squad" actor Jared
- 66 Jazz legend Malone
- 67 Beach bum's find
- 68 J.Lo's love
- 3 Actress Bowlby of "Drop Dead Diva"
- 4 Stop order?
- 5 Grabbed a chair
- 6 YouTube snippets
- 7 Punch
- 8 "Kids ___ days ..."
- 9 "Grace and Frankie" actor Waterston
- 10 Ransomware crime, sometimes
- 11 Like a pitcher's perfect game
- 12 "Big Brother" host Julie
- 13 Loser to the tortoise
- 18 Caprese salad ingredient
- 19 Jerry of "Law & Order"
- 24 End-of-semester hurdles
- 25 Comedy Central special event
- 28 Musician J.J. who wrote the Eric Clapton hits "After Midnight" and "Cocaine"
- 29 Leave out
- 30 * "You can do so much better!"
- 31 Really clobber the ball
- 32 Matadors' opponents
- 33 2016 political campaign slogan, and a hint to the words hidden in the answers to the starred clues
- 34 The ___ brothers (Hollywood filmmakers)
- 35 Fries or coleslaw
- 38 HBO series featuring rivalries among the Lannisters, Starks, and other families, for short
- 41 Disinfectant cleaning product available in a Sparkling Wave scent
- 43 Peppery salad green
- 45 19-time MLB All-Star Ripken
- 47 "Sk8er ___" (2002 Avril Lavigne hit)
- 49 Beach buckets
- 51 Comments section attention-seeker
- 52 Run ___ (go crazy)
- 53 Roberts of romance
- 55 Dog who bit Miss Gulch
- 56 Like Derby horses
- 59 "I should've known that!"
- 60 Duffer's dream
- 61 "2001" supercomputer

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DOWN

- 1 ___ Romeo (car brand involved in racing for over a century)
- 2 Churn up

2 • Top-Heavy

Lynn Lempel



ACROSS

- 1 Gwyneth Paltrow's "modern lifestyle brand"
- 5 Retirement spot?
- 8 Novelist Murdoch and fashion icon Apfel
- 14 PBS's "___ scienceNOW"
- 15 "Oklahoma!" character ___ Annie
- 16 Yankee phenom Mickey
- 17 Roasted winter treat
- 19 Old photo-sharing website
- 20 Get lost in a book
- 21 Hopes for
- 22 Close pals
- 26 Trials and tribulations
- 27 Alphabet Series novelist Grafton
- 28 Bettor's concern
- 32 In-your-face slapstick element
- 33 Wimbledon wallops
- 35 Try hard
- 37 "Nurse Jackie" actress Best
- 38 Major splits
- 40 High-minded type?
- 41 Went down a bit, as prices
- 43 New Age singer from County Donegal
- 44 Part of old PC screen technology
- 45 Postage-paid enc.
- 46 Sports doc's pic
- 47 Middle East flier
- 48 Gold medal swimming event for Lilly King and Amanda Beard
- 53 Flavorer for split pea soup
- 56 Art city east of Georgia O'Keeffe's Ghost Ranch
- 57 Change with the times, say
- 58 Couch potato's necessity
- 62 Cash in, as a coupon
- 63 Seek elected office
- 64 Farsi-speaking nation on the Caspian
- 65 Like a black-tie event
- 66 Packed away
- 67 Piggy bank addition

DOWN

- 1 Big initials in nutritional supplements
- 2 "Look at THAT!"

- 3 Fails to get up on time
- 4 Spots for strolling
- 5 Homey spot for a weekend getaway
- 6 University URL ender
- 7 URL component
- 8 Denver's Mile High Center architect
- 9 Worker's reward
- 10 Sharp front tooth
- 11 Top-billed actress
- 12 Otherwise
- 13 Red and Coral, but not pink
- 18 Highlands hat
- 21 Pres. when Brown v. Board of Education was decided
- 22 Two-footed creatures
- 23 Piglet of children's books
- 24 Takes advantage of
- 25 Low-flying planes that spray crops
- 29 Revelation of information
- 30 "From the New World" symphony composer
- 31 Decide, as an argument
- 33 Penny prez
- 34 Something to chew on
- 35 Mata Hari or Josephine Baker, e.g.
- 36 Bottled water collector, for short
- 39 Self-storage rental division
- 42 Fred and Wilma's youngster
- 46 Novelist Rita ___ Brown
- 47 Sexy
- 49 Wanders
- 50 Other side
- 51 2016 Best Actress Oscar winner Emma
- 52 Indentation-creating keyboard key
- 53 Bunch of buffaloes
- 54 State firmly
- 55 Edna who creates supersuits in "The Incredibles"
- 58 Fitting garment for this puzzle
- 59 Pitcher's goal
- 60 Prohibit officially
- 61 Apnea-treating doc

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3 • Swipe Left

Gail Grabowski



ACROSS

- 1 Wiped out
- 6 Becomes safe to eat, in a way
- 11 "The Ballad of the ___ Café" (Carson McCullers novella)
- 14 "Chasing Pavements" singer
- 15 Sound portion of a film
- 16 Ambient music pioneer Brian
- 17 Pita
- 19 Frittata ingredient
- 20 Pyeongchang's peninsula
- 21 Bushy-tailed rodent
- 23 Japanese vegetable
- 25 "Rubber Duckie" Muppet
- 28 Inflatable mattress prefix with Bed
- 29 Component of brass
- 31 Observance one week before Easter
- 34 "To recap ..."
- 36 Stand in a mall
- 37 Alice Munro offerings
- 40 J. Alfred Prufrock creator
- 44 Book of maps
- 46 Old, but new again
- 47 Mountain pass?
- 52 "Shoo!"
- 53 European capital west of Helsinki
- 54 Windy weather fliers
- 56 Ginger, but not Mary Ann
- 57 Structural threat for a wooden house
- 60 "Washington Journal" aircr
- 62 Chatterbox's "gift"
- 63 Late-inning substitute at the plate
- 68 Fair-hiring letters
- 69 Get hitched in a hurry
- 70 Snake charmer's snake
- 71 Devious
- 72 "Ballet Rehearsal" painter Edgar
- 73 Manicurist's board

DOWN

- 1 Dance like Ann Miller
- 2 Words before the preacher
- 3 "I guess"
- 4 Northern Nevada county or its seat

- 5 Big name in big tractors
- 6 Place where frequent changes are expected
- 7 "Be ___ Guest" ("Beauty and the Beast" song)
- 8 "___ of Withered Cleavage" (Sharon Olds poem)
- 9 Singer Payne of One Direction
- 10 Sprite, e.g.
- 11 Appeared to be
- 12 Silky sweater material
- 13 Rawhide twist or squeaky ball
- 18 Maryland athlete, for short
- 22 Rubs the wrong way
- 23 Action film weapons
- 24 By ___ of (owing to)
- 26 Category
- 27 Give off
- 30 Art collection custodian
- 32 Emergency signal
- 33 Tech-support caller
- 35 One may have a hand in it
- 38 Connecticut Ivy Leaguer
- 39 Bag for a picnic race
- 41 "That's impossible!"
- 42 Like some doctorate seekers' exams
- 43 Membership drive gift
- 45 Move among moguls
- 47 Registers, as a complaint
- 48 Middle East country that makes 23-Down
- 49 Pilot, slangily
- 50 Makes a lasting impression?
- 51 Hart's "Entertainment Tonight" co-host
- 55 Ginger, but not Mary Ann
- 58 Non-news newspaper page
- 59 Backsplash piece
- 61 Molecule part
- 64 Christmas cupful
- 65 H&R Block worker
- 66 Miscalculate or misspeak
- 67 EVOO enthusiast Rachael

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4 • Paperbacks

Andrea Carla Michaels



ACROSS

- 1 Insanely cold
- 6 Is a bad dog at dinner, say
- 10 Le Carré spy Leamas
- 14 “Ghost in the Shell” cartoon genre
- 15 “Art is ___ that makes us realize truth” (Picasso)
- 16 Wednesday’s mom, to Gomez
- 17 Terminates
- 18 First name in Harlem Renaissance literature
- 19 See 39-Down
- 20 Fourth book in Lois Lowry’s “The Giver” series
- 21 Woman who cracks a glass ceiling, e.g.
- 24 Egg cream component
- 25 Ejected
- 26 Cabbage Patch Kid transport
- 31 “Baby Did a Bad Bad Thing” singer Chris
- 32 Cornfield measure
- 33 ___-Hulk (green superheroine)
- 36 Insignificant disruption
- 37 Put away for later
- 39 Snazzy
- 40 Roll-your-own grass
- 41 Cyber Monday event
- 42 Opinion surveys
- 43 Smartphone setting during flights
- 46 Ancient rival of Athens
- 49 “Stoned Soul Picnic” songwriter Laura
- 50 Gym spot for heavy lifters
- 53 MinuteClinic drugstore chain
- 56 “The ___-bitsy spider ... ”
- 57 Words of approximation
- 58 Major deity in Indonesia
- 60 Went down
- 61 Like wild boar meat
- 62 DVD remote button
- 63 “Magic ___ House” (kiddie lit series)
- 64 Sits in a cellar, say
- 65 Going rate?

DOWN

- 1 “I don’t know the answer”
- 2 Aware of, as a scheme

- 3 Animal mentioned in the lyrics of Katy Perry’s “Roar”
- 4 Excite, with “up”
- 5 Fill up again, as with inventory
- 6 Harper’s ___
- 7 Childlike race in “The Time Machine”
- 8 Cassatt’s “Little ___ in a Blue Armchair”
- 9 Coastal region
- 10 “Relax, soldier”
- 11 Hungarian composer Franz
- 12 Big name in cosmetics
- 13 Swiss ___ (leafy green in the beet family)
- 22 Old vitamin bottle no.
- 23 Winter Olympics vehicle for four-time gold medal winner Natalie Geisenberger
- 24 [“You jerk!”]
- 26 “That last piece of cake is mine!”
- 27 Norwegian Academy of Music city
- 28 ___-back (relaxed)
- 29 “Boléro” composer
- 30 “March of the Penguins” surface
- 33 Soccer star and Equal Pay advocate Hope
- 34 Place for cargo
- 35 “What ___ is new?”
- 37 Racing venue north of 45-Down
- 38 Swiss mountain
- 39 With 19-Across, Spanish “How’s it going?”
- 41 “Dark side” sci-fi group
- 42 “If you play your cards right”
- 43 Diamond-shaped pattern
- 44 Pesters
- 45 Home to JFK airport
- 46 Fleet-footed
- 47 Doctor Who player before Jodie
- 48 “Cleanup on ___ three”
- 51 Toot one’s own horn
- 52 Salinger’s “For ___—With Love and Squalor”
- 53 Board game featuring Miss Scarlet and Mrs. Peacock
- 54 Bouquet holder
- 55 Storage building
- 59 In the ___ of luxury

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5 • Spin Doctors

Debbie Ellerin



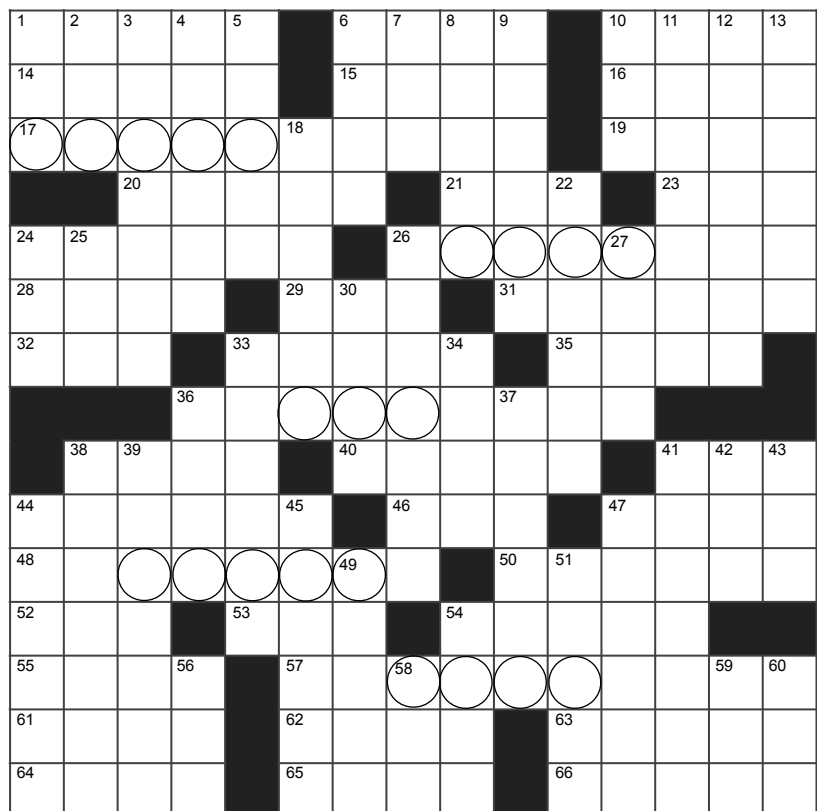
ACROSS

- 1 It's a first
- 6 Castaway's escape vessel
- 10 Pea jackets
- 14 Visibly amazed
- 15 Castaway's home
- 16 Courtroom dozen
- 17 Shari Lewis's Lamb Chop, e.g.
- 19 Knock for a loop
- 20 Some rugged hiking sandals
- 21 B'way sellout sign
- 23 Flix's sister station
- 24 Harmonizes
- 26 Auto accident injury
- 28 ___ d'état
- 29 Doctor's order reply
- 31 Adds fuel to
- 32 Retreat, at the shore
- 33 Tonic, for gin
- 35 "Law & Order: SVU" co-star
- 36 Vacation spot with horseback riding
- 38 Many a Dickens child
- 40 Lees rival
- 41 Card game with a belligerent name
- 44 Legal injustice, informally
- 46 Barista's bonus
- 47 Sign over, as rights
- 48 Words said with a shrug
- 50 Additional assessment
- 52 Disney collectible
- 53 "The Fountainhead" writer Rand
- 54 Drops off
- 55 Quaint "OMG!"
- 57 Sometime wedding venue
- 61 Chopped liver spread
- 62 It might wind up in the backyard
- 63 "Ni-i-i-i-ice"
- 64 Act like Old Faithful
- 65 Word with house or door
- 66 "She loves me" bit

DOWN

- 1 Some govt. lawyers
- 2 Personality component that is "not master in its own house," per Freud

- 3 Massage that may help ease shoulder tension
- 4 Maintenance cost
- 5 Plains dwelling
- 6 Tears (up)
- 7 Dangerous reptile in the Nile delta
- 8 Crayola color renamed "Peach" in 1962
- 9 Game with falling pieces
- 10 Slumber party attire, for short
- 11 Bloopers reel bit
- 12 Sheila E.'s equipment
- 13 Harmonizes
- 18 How some things are better left
- 22 Big concern for a campaign manager
- 24 Best pitcher in a team's rotation
- 25 "Arrested Development" brother who founded the Magicians' Alliance
- 26 Query from a cabbie
- 27 Nessie's hangout
- 30 Triple ___ (challenging jump landed by Mirai Nagasu in the 2018 Winter Olympics)
- 33 "The Lion King" lion
- 34 Norah's sitar-playing dad
- 36 Desperate, as straits
- 37 Attacks, puppy-style
- 38 Discrimination issue targeted by Equal Pay Day
- 39 Praise to high heaven
- 41 Duds for a diver
- 42 Computer pioneer Lovelace
- 43 "Toy Story" dinosaur
- 44 Bodybuilder's "guns"
- 45 Film that inspired A&E's "Bates Motel"
- 47 Big Easy cooking style
- 49 Be a busybody
- 51 Not very cool
- 54 Small songbird
- 56 "The Foggy ___" (Irish folk song)
- 58 Employ
- 59 No Doubt genre
- 60 Ribbon-shaped fish



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6 • Still We Rise

Robin Stears



ACROSS

- 1 Marvel organization that's Agent Peggy Carter's enemy
- 6 Chuckle
- 11 Word in many Sue Grafton titles
- 14 French city where Joan of Arc died
- 15 "Mental Illness" Grammy winner Mann
- 16 Beyoncé song with the line "I talk like this 'cause I can back it up"
- 17 Confessional poet who wrote, "Out of the ash / I rise with my red hair / And I eat men like air"
- 19 Monopoly squares with train icons, for short
- 20 Southern sch. that first admitted women in 1882
- 21 Measurement point for sock height or skirt length
- 22 Like Inverted Jenny stamps
- 23 Source of Italian bubbly
- 26 Amherst poet who wrote, "We never know how high we are / Till we are called to rise; / And then, if we are true to plan, / Our statures touch the skies"
- 32 Skedaddles
- 33 Ammo for a carpenter's gun
- 34 U-turn from SSW
- 35 "___ fair in love ..."
- 36 Abode in a Stowe tale
- 38 Plastic that's often swiped
- 39 Actress Melissa ___ of Showtime's "I'm Dying Up Here"
- 40 Subdue, in a way
- 41 Angry Orchard product
- 42 Puritan poet who wrote, "Dear mother, cease complaints, and wipe your eyes / Shake off your dust, cheer up, and now arise"
- 46 Stinging insect
- 47 Pizza crust order
- 48 Hardly polite
- 51 Eileen of "Private Benjamin"
- 54 Animal studied by Dian Fossey and Jane Goodall
- 55 "Phenomenal" poet who wrote, "You may write me down in history / With your bitter, twisted lies, / You may trod me in the very dirt / But still, like dust, I'll rise"
- 59 Ballerina's support
- 60 Sew on sequins, maybe
- 61 "Ginger Pye" Newbery Medal-winning author Eleanor
- 62 Put a stop to

63 Got in shape, with "up"

64 Good buys

DOWN

- 1 The 24 in 24/7 (Abbr.)
- 2 "Make Way for the Motherlode" hip-hop artist
- 3 Like watching paint dry
- 4 Daydreams
- 5 Fabled characters?
- 6 Like an expired subscription
- 7 Isn't in the pink
- 8 Thurman who played G-Girl in "My Super Ex-Girlfriend"
- 9 ABC's "How to ___ Away With Murder"
- 10 Bit of a chuckle
- 11 "Charlotte's Web" girl
- 12 Princess Fiona, for one
- 13 Actress McGowan
- 18 Like a soufflé, ideally
- 21 Extended family
- 23 Berry touted as a superfood
- 24 India.Arie's "Brown ___"
- 25 "Shop ___ you drop"
- 26 First name in TV talk
- 27 Fruit that's still a fruit when two of its letters are switched

28 Jokey words said after reading fortune cookie fortunes

29 Snarky

30 First stage

31 Within easy reach

32 Scottish terrier often mentioned in Eleanor Roosevelt's "My Day" column

36 Animated film primarily set in Radiator Springs

37 Without delay, initially

38 Like some waltzes

40 "Info not yet available," on a sched.

41 Reacted to an awkward moment

43 Meadow mom

44 Hair piece?

45 In that case

48 Measure up

49 "... wish ___ a star"

50 Property document

51 In the buff

52 Utah ski area whose name means "high"

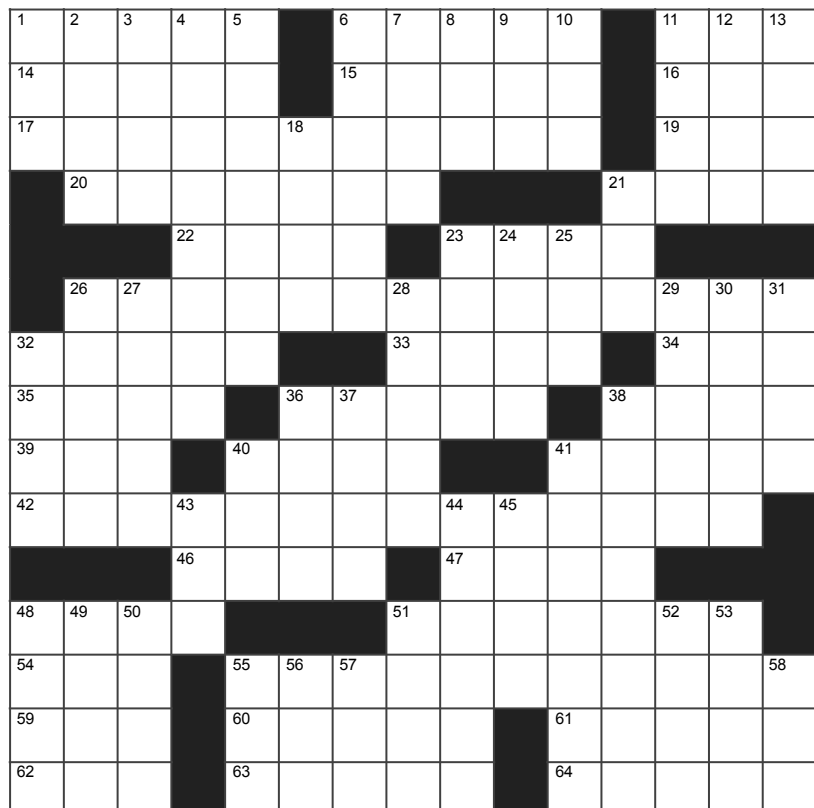
53 Actress Sydelle ___ of Netflix's "GLOW"

55 Yoga surface

56 "Much ___ About Nothing"

57 Over there, to a bard

58 Naval letters



7 • Quite a Workout

Tracy Gray



ACROSS

- 1 Secretion like frankincense or myrrh
- 6 Latte drinker's "mustache"
- 11 To the point
- 14 Cremona violinmaker
- 15 Screened Florida room
- 16 Holstein hello
- 17 Tubular lock of hair
- 19 Punch used in sewing and shoemaking
- 20 "Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt" creator/writer Fey
- 21 Shells out
- 22 Lollygagged
- 24 Senator Lisa Murkowski's state
- 26 Contrail content
- 27 Chocolate and crisped-rice candy bar
- 32 Deck out
- 35 "Justice League" actor Cavill
- 36 Bettors' and debtors' letters
- 37 From ___ to nuts
- 38 "Young Sheldon" actress Annie
- 39 She played Catherine on "CSI"
- 40 Co. that invented the ATM and the UPC barcode
- 41 "CSI: Miami" actress Eva
- 42 Chrissie in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame
- 43 Overseas news gatherers
- 46 Sculpt, as soapstone
- 47 Lead into temptation?
- 51 1970s-1990s African state
- 52 Ring out, as bells
- 55 Corn and caucus state
- 56 Trains above the street
- 57 The least bit, in slang
- 60 NFL's Manning
- 61 Public perception
- 62 Off the wall
- 63 Nine-digit govt. ID
- 64 Winning margins at the Derby, sometimes
- 65 Mary-Louise Parker series about a suburban pot dealer

DOWN

- 1 Bob Marley, notably
- 2 It may transmit a virus
- 3 Good place for sweaters?
- 4 "Easy-peasy!"
- 5 Vardalos of "My Big Fat Greek Wedding"
- 6 Word with market or circus
- 7 A little off-color
- 8 Burden
- 9 Pitch for paving
- 10 Condoleezza's successor
- 11 Like Wonder Woman
- 12 Insulated electrical cable
- 13 Divulged
- 18 College transcript nos.
- 23 "The Problem With ___" (2017 documentary about an Indian character on "The Simpsons")
- 25 ___ lime pie
- 26 Obsolescent players
- 28 Sticking point?
- 29 Abate, as rainfall

30 Shift neighbor

- 31 Colossal
- 32 "Dream on!"
- 33 Autodialed campaign messages
- 34 Ice cream flavor with chewy bits
- 38 One of 512 in 10-Down's "What Happened"
- 39 Blue "X-Men" character played by Jennifer Lawrence and Rebecca Romijn
- 41 Slightly worn but homey
- 42 QVC alternative
- 44 Make a boo-boo
- 45 Lamprey-like
- 48 Way to go
- 49 Clio or Emmy
- 50 Gourmet spreads
- 51 10-point Words With Friends letters
- 52 Handheld helpers, for short
- 53 "The ___ of Glory" (Lady Gaga hit song)
- 54 Some draft picks?
- 58 "Here's what I think," in textspeak
- 59 Broadcast, as seeds

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8 • Animal Housing

Laura Braunstein



ACROSS

- 1 2016 animated film starring Scarlett Johansson as a porcupine punk rocker
- 5 Feminist magazine with a crossword by Tracy Bennett
- 9 Social networking site for you, bubbeleh
- 14 Like some contraceptives
- 15 Anastasio of Phish
- 16 Ado
- 17 Mortgage payer, probably
- 19 Bygone Chrysler sedans
- 20 Generous curfew on a school night
- 21 Places for some pampering
- 23 What some Ravelry members do
- 24 "Paper Planes" rapper
- 26 Captures
- 28 1981 hit by Grover Washington Jr. covered by Regina Belle
- 35 Per diem teacher, e.g.
- 36 ___ fit jeans
- 37 Every 60 minutes
- 38 Schlemiel
- 40 Vinegary marinade
- 42 Reviews negatively
- 43 Accessory for the Tin Man
- 45 Eye cream containers
- 47 Turner who led a slave rebellion
- 48 "Something will appear here soon!"
- 51 Home state of Rita Dove and Ruby Dee
- 52 Part for Ms. Potato Head
- 53 B-52s hit single from "Cosmic Thing"
- 56 Buckwheat noodles
- 59 Lose it
- 63 Judith ___ Cofer, prize-winning Puerto Rican author
- 65 Groundbreaking 1966 Beach Boys album, or a hint to what's hiding in 17-, 28-, and 48-Across
- 67 It may be around a yard
- 68 Information breach
- 69 Food benefit accepted at some farmers' markets, initially
- 70 Rough, as a translation
- 71 Two-time Wimbledon winner Murray
- 72 Like "For Dummies" instructions

- 2 ___ Chef America (reality show featuring Cat Cora)
- 3 What a woman may decide not to change if she marries
- 4 Shines, as gold
- 5 "Oh, and another thing," in texts
- 6 Coffee containers at a buffet
- 7 Trickle
- 8 Oppressive leader
- 9 NYC airport known as Idlewild until 1963
- 10 1933 film starring Margaret Dumont and the Marx Brothers
- 11 Irish islands famous for cable-pattern sweaters
- 12 "Silent All These Years" singer Amos
- 13 Old-timey "once"
- 18 Leaves out
- 22 Carpentry support
- 25 Its 2011 landing marked the end of the Space Shuttle program
- 27 "Wouldn't say ___ to a goose!"
- 28 Child played by Meryl
- 29 Letter-shaped fastener
- 30 Stayed out of sight
- 31 Face with heart eyes, e.g.

- 32 Cabernet ___ (wine grape)
- 33 Radii neighbors
- 34 Pt. of GPS
- 35 Flat-bottomed boat
- 39 Wonder Woman publisher
- 41 ___-relief (sculpture type)
- 44 Sigh heard in 21-Across
- 46 Wolfgang Puck's restaurant
- 49 Ado
- 50 What well-written erotica is meant to do
- 53 Texter's "You crack me up!"
- 54 Cookie that debuted one year before the crossword puzzle
- 55 Periodic table abbr.
- 57 "Since U ___ Gone" (Kelly Clarkson hit)
- 58 Tiny amount
- 60 Kendrick of the "Pitch Perfect" films
- 61 Devices supplanted by smartphones, for short
- 62 2017 sports award for Simone Biles (twice)
- 64 Alphabet ender
- 66 Big ___ Country

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DOWN

- 1 Artsy Manhattan neighborhood



ACROSS

- 1 Hieroglyphic snakes
- 5 Vehicles in flume rides
- 9 Cymbals with a foot pedal
- 14 Furniture chain founded by the late Ingvar Kamprad
- 15 "O patria mia" of 1-Down, e.g.
- 16 "___ My Right Knee" (Rita Dove poem)
- 17 Actress who plays "Queen of Thorns" Olenna Tyrell on "Game of Thrones"
- 19 Eight plus one, to aviators
- 20 Welcomed at the door
- 21 Everytown, USA
- 22 Actress who plays Violet Crawley, Dowager Countess of Grantham, on "Downton Abbey"
- 25 Narrow waterway
- 29 Exams for future attys.
- 30 Business end of a pencil
- 31 Willy-___ (any which way)
- 32 Big initials on Mother's Day
- 35 Like the storied duckling (at first)
- 36 Palm fruit
- 37 Rooney of "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo"
- 38 A deer, a female deer
- 39 Presents proudly, with "out"
- 40 NFLer since 2016
- 41 New York City mayor before Koch
- 42 Barbara Bush's maiden name
- 43 Actress who plays Queen Elizabeth II in "The Queen"
- 47 Except if
- 48 Pizza herb
- 53 City with Heat and Hurricanes
- 54 Actress who plays Queen Victoria in "Mrs Brown"
- 56 Science fair judges, e.g.
- 57 Baseball analyst Hershiser
- 58 Iggy Azalea song with the lyric "I got me / And that's all I need"
- 59 Music for a film
- 60 Playbill listings
- 61 Rock gently

DOWN

- 1 Classic Leontyne Price opera role
- 2 Gear for Lindsey Vonn
- 3 Top out
- 4 All there
- 5 Ranch rope
- 6 Circular gasket
- 7 Band booking
- 8 Give a little
- 9 "Art, whose ___ must work through artifice, cannot avoid cheating truth" (Adrienne Rich)
- 10 They may be lost in translation
- 11 Painter Matisse
- 12 Absorbed the loss
- 13 Bat mitzvah scroll
- 18 Own up to
- 21 Belfry ringing
- 23 Sparkly component of face paint
- 24 "Rizzoli & ___" (TNT series starring Angie Harmon and Sasha Alexander)
- 25 Tater
- 26 Like some restaurant orders
- 27 Irritate but good
- 28 "___ takers?"
- 31 "The End of America" author Wolf
- 32 Jamie who often wore dresses on "M*A*S*H"
- 33 Gillette's ___ II razor
- 34 Formal title for 17-, 22-, 43-, and 54-Across
- 36 Small amounts
- 37 Whitman who voices Batgirl in "DC Super Hero Girls"
- 39 Stretchable
- 40 Like notebook paper
- 41 Pricy wheels, slangily
- 42 What Pauline endured in silent films
- 43 Camel features
- 44 1940s room-sized computer programmed by six women
- 45 Southwestern grassy plain
- 46 Event with lots of horsing around
- 49 Understands
- 50 All over again
- 51 "Road to the Championship" sports org.
- 52 "Good heavens!"
- 54 Word with snow or day
- 55 Sch. with a Providence campus

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10 • Conversation Starter Pam Amick Klawitter



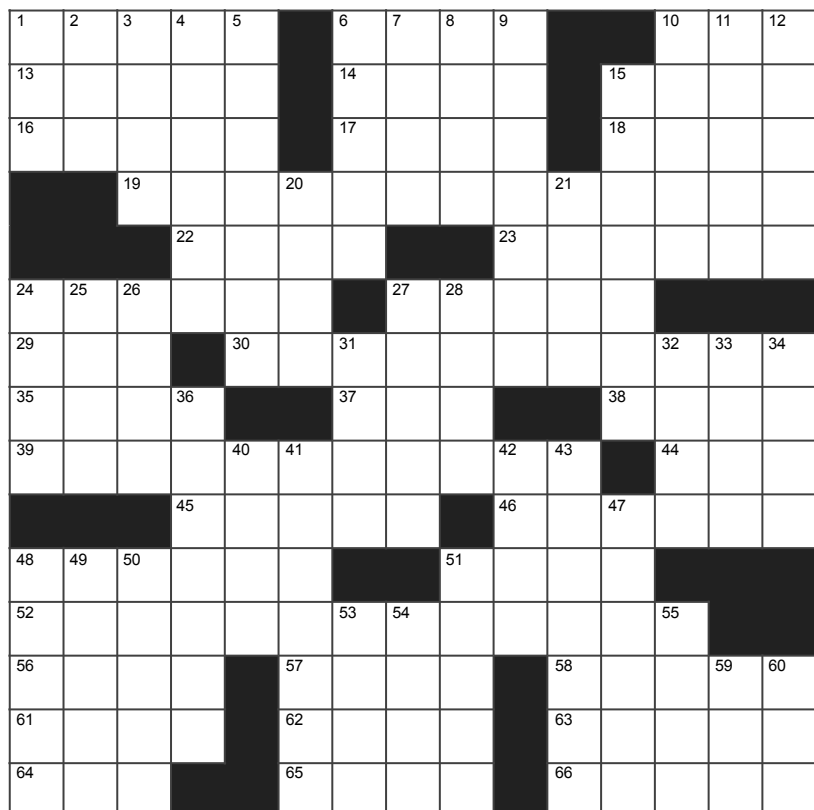
ACROSS

- 1 Closes
- 6 Implored
- 10 Abe's role in "The Godfather"
- 13 Pi, but not psi
- 14 "The Audacity of ___" (2006 bestseller)
- 15 "Yay, me!"
- 16 Kiosk
- 17 Not of the cloth
- 18 "That's a shame"
- 19 C
- 22 Tippy-top
- 23 Kindle user
- 24 Opening lines
- 27 Eyes a little too long
- 29 "Becoming Madame ___" (Anchee Min historical novel about Jiang Qing)
- 30 C
- 35 More than wonders
- 37 Neckline shape
- 38 Fútbol cries
- 39 C
- 44 Hosp. units
- 45 Get smart
- 46 Simple fastener
- 48 Still making payments
- 51 Novelist Grey
- 52 C
- 56 Bouncy tune
- 57 Spoken
- 58 Women's Prize for Fiction, for one
- 61 Singer Cassidy and actress Gabor
- 62 Four-time Olympic gold medalist and two-time WNBA champion Sue
- 63 Vero Beach veranda
- 64 Place for family game night
- 65 "Shepherd Moons" Grammy winner
- 66 Wanda with a recurring role on "Black-ish"

DOWN

- 1 Grads-to-be

- 2 Medicine ___, Alberta
- 3 State with five National Parks
- 4 Pitch problem
- 5 Fountain drink
- 6 Flower in a butterfly garden
- 7 Rye buy
- 8 Amazing, in dudespeak
- 9 "The Munsters" actress Yvonne
- 10 Starter course
- 11 "She who hesitates is lost," e.g.
- 12 Eye surgery device
- 15 It heats up food quickly
- 20 Actress Lydic of "Awkward" and "The Daily Show"
- 21 Complaint
- 24 Computer that may use the High Sierra OS
- 25 "A Beautiful Mind" mathematician
- 26 Casino gratuity
- 27 Setting for much of "Moana"
- 28 Opposite of hawed
- 31 Even once
- 32 Actor Guinness
- 33 "From Here to Eternity" actress
- 34 Exxon's ex-name
- 36 Goes for
- 40 Singer McEntire who has played Colonel Sanders
- 41 Pennsylvania city where Rolling Rock was originally brewed
- 42 "Dear ___ Hansen" (2017 winner of six Tonys)
- 43 Dollar deals?
- 47 Wiggle room
- 48 Killed time
- 49 None too worldly
- 50 Musician with a Nobel Prize
- 51 Christina Ricci's role in "Z: The Beginning of Everything"
- 53 "Dancing With the Stars" host Andrews
- 54 Actor Grant
- 55 Stinky
- 59 Actress/writer Issa ___ of HBO's "Insecure"
- 60 Bad-mouth





ACROSS

- 1 Doc
- 7 “Hello, ewe!”
- 10 Lettuce variety
- 14 Station identification?
- 15 Pilates targets
- 16 Law school newbie
- 17 Dopey
- 19 Annapolis inst.
- 20 Uses Venmo, perhaps
- 21 Green org. with a flower logo
- 22 Ana of “Ugly Betty”
- 23 Happy
- 26 Rather sudden
- 30 Budget inventory
- 31 Show fear
- 32 “Saturday Night Live” regular Davidson
- 34 PC hookup
- 37 Sneezy
- 41 “Just ___ suspected!”
- 42 Disco adjective
- 43 “Get Out” director/writer
- 44 Mountain retreat
- 47 Team that ended a “curse” in 2004
- 48 Sleepy
- 52 Kemper of “Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt”
- 53 Alley end?
- 54 ___ Star State
- 58 Part of the inn crowd
- 59 Grumpy
- 62 Chichen ___ (Mayan ruins)
- 63 Spreadsheet calculation
- 64 Female villain of “Popeye”
- 65 Shirts with slogans
- 66 Weigh-in fig.
- 67 Description of the party hiding in the circled letters

DOWN

- 1 Stud alternative
- 2 S. Amer. country at 0° latitude
- 3 Legal drama fig.
- 4 Pilates targets

- 5 Byrne’s “Strange Overtones” collaborator
- 6 Lighten up
- 7 Yawn-inspiring
- 8 Kindergarten song start
- 9 Blonde shade
- 10 Action hero of Ludlum novels
- 11 Cracking up
- 12 Burkina Faso neighbor
- 13 Burn brightly
- 18 Checkout lines?
- 22 Homage in verse
- 23 Landline abbr.
- 24 Lesser ___ evils
- 25 Role for which Jane Fonda’s little brother won a Golden Globe
- 26 Blue hue
- 27 Subject that may come up in a frank discussion?
- 28 Make more extreme, politically
- 29 Instrument featured in Israel Kamakawiwo’ole’s cover of “Somewhere Over the Rainbow”
- 32 LP player
- 33 Stream of consciousness, for short?
- 35 Move, in Realtor-speak
- 36 New Monopoly token, for short
- 38 “Yay, the weekend!”
- 39 Did the same as
- 40 Kristen’s “The Good Place” co-star
- 45 Largest sportswear manufacturer in Europe
- 46 Tournament exemption
- 47 What’s for dinner
- 48 Invoice word
- 49 Tickle pink
- 50 Goes hither and yon
- 51 Salon style
- 54 “U slay me!”
- 55 Sounds of wonder
- 56 “The Daily Show” host
- 57 Neither cool nor collected
- 59 Cartographer’s abbreviation
- 60 Eyeliner in need of replacing
- 61 “Gloria in Excelsis ___”

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ACROSS

- 1 Tied, as sneakers
- 6 Catherine who played Daisy Duke
- 10 “Coming to a theater ___ you”
- 14 ___ nerve (funny bone tingler)
- 15 Aunt Bee’s charge
- 16 Oft-discarded part of a pineapple
- 17 Pumpkin pie spice
- 18 Discouraging words outside a motel
- 20 Middleton sisters who are treated like royalty
- 22 ___ & Him (folk duo Zooey Deschanel and M. Ward)
- 23 Rapper ___ Def
- 24 Baton Rouge sch. with a tiger mascot
- 25 Hem’s partner
- 28 Furniture wood
- 29 Many a Wiki article
- 30 Nickname for 25-Down
- 31 Redgrave sisters who were both appointed to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire
- 35 Cares for, as a garden
- 36 “Queen Sugar” cable network
- 37 Lent a hand to
- 38 Williams sisters who shine on the court
- 41 ___ on the knuckles
- 42 “The God of Small Things” novelist Arundhati ___
- 43 Had no one to catch
- 44 Step up from dial-up
- 45 Peanut butter that “choosy moms choose”
- 46 “Pretentious? ___?”
- 47 “EastEnders” network
- 50 Quin sisters who have sweet harmonies
- 53 Deviously clever plan
- 56 Word with ear or wear
- 57 Short notes?
- 58 Fish in salade niçoise
- 59 “Mercy!”
- 60 Look when one shouldn’t
- 61 White Monopoly bills
- 62 Core belief

DOWN

- 1 ___ into (gets by chance)
- 2 God of Islam
- 3 Benjamin
- 4 Nesting spot
- 5 Like non-REM sleep
- 6 Connects emotionally
- 7 Per person
- 8 Noncombatants
- 9 Adds with abandon
- 10 Title IX sports org.
- 11 Ages
- 12 Joan of ___
- 13 Daisy Ridley’s “Star Wars: The Last Jedi” role
- 19 PC brain
- 21 Renée, Celeste, Françoise, etc.
- 25 Composer known as the “Father of the Symphony”
- 26 Reason for a sleep mask, perhaps
- 27 Tool for Hermione Granger
- 28 Turn out to be
- 29 Blue

- 30 Worked at, as a trade
- 31 Swerves
- 32 Record of the year?
- 33 “Well I’ll be darned”
- 34 “Is this too risky?”
- 35 Promo on the small screen
- 39 Japanese word of appreciation
- 40 Entrepreneur Musk developing a Hyperloop
- 45 Skedaddle
- 46 Half a ’60s pop quartet
- 47 Send home, as a runner
- 48 Caffè ___ (espresso made with steamed half-and-half)
- 49 Manuscript insertion mark
- 50 Piece of work
- 51 Bird on a Hawaiian crossing sign
- 52 Knight who co-founded Death Row Records
- 53 Dainty drink
- 54 Place for a ring
- 55 McClanahan of “The Golden Girls”

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13 • Women of Letters

Mary Lou Guizzo



ACROSS

- 1 Dash units
- 6 Self-referential
- 10 First antibacterial soap
- 14 "Love Me Like You Do" singer Goulding and an initial hint to 20-Across
- 15 Realize
- 16 Hoops gp. since 1996
- 17 Beekeeping hazard
- 18 Grew older
- 19 Website with a "Craft Supplies & Tools" section
- 20 Journalist who wrote the "Girl Reporter" series of kids books
- 23 "___ dreaming?"
- 24 Salon job
- 25 Developmental stage
- 28 Very serious
- 31 Salon job
- 32 Roman goddess of peace
- 33 La Quinta rival
- 36 Horse play?
- 37 First woman elected to the U.S. Senate from North Carolina
- 41 "Nurse Jackie" actress Falco and an initial hint to 37-Across
- 42 Consist of
- 43 Oxfam or Partners in Health, for short
- 44 Pulled off
- 46 Baseball commissioner when interleague play began
- 49 Viola's "Fences" co-star
- 51 Windy City hrs.
- 53 FDR agency
- 55 First winner of "American Idol"
- 59 Alamo alternative
- 61 Two-balled weapon
- 62 Painkiller that's a regular "Jeopardy!" sponsor
- 63 It's caught in a trap
- 64 "Our Time in ___" (1992 10,000 Maniacs album)
- 65 "Golden Hour" country singer Musgraves and an initial hint to 55-Across
- 66 Internet connectivity frustrations

- 67 One of seven presidents born in Ohio
- 68 ___ nous

DOWN

- 1 Roadster launched into space in 2018
- 2 Nissan sedan
- 3 Mayo, for one
- 4 Back
- 5 Genesis name
- 6 Like a bad apple
- 7 Quarter back
- 8 Nursery purchase
- 9 News correspondent Mitchell
- 10 Geeky sort
- 11 192-member anticrime org.
- 12 Core muscles
- 13 Nonclerical
- 21 Plant swelling
- 22 X Games bike
- 26 Where Meryl Streep earned an MFA
- 27 Good Grips kitchenware brand
- 29 Michael of "Ugly Betty"
- 30 Toon devil
- 31 Power unit
- 34 Still tucked in
- 35 Forest digs
- 36 Zogby offering
- 37 Advantage
- 38 Simba, notably
- 39 "___ luego"
- 40 Game cube
- 41 Word with table or zone
- 44 California's Marina ___ Rey
- 45 "Fat chance!"
- 47 Bug
- 48 "Super" Muppet who is "smarter than a speeding bullet"
- 50 Bartender's supply
- 51 Staff symbol for viola music
- 52 Point of view
- 54 Biblical words before and after "for"
- 56 Jedi who says, "Size matters not. Look at me. Judge me by my size, do you?"
- 57 Zen garden tool
- 58 Terror group in "Mississippi Burning"
- 59 100%
- 60 Flight connection word

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14 • Alterations Department

Lynn Lempel



ACROSS

- 1 Besides
- 5 Actress Helen with four Emmys and an Oscar
- 9 Russian forest dweller prized for its fur
- 14 Insult
- 15 European capital with 40 islands
- 16 Historic name in Russian ballet
- 17 Unusual treat for one in a Bedouin herd?
- 19 Adler who outwitted Sherlock Holmes
- 20 Hitting the road to perform
- 21 Show contempt of court, in a way
- 23 Besides
- 24 Developer's purchase
- 26 Tibetan Buddhist who may create a sand mandala
- 27 Long-winded lawyer?
- 32 Dust Bowl rail rider
- 35 Concern for a golf pro or a batting coach
- 36 Candy with an emoji-themed dispenser set
- 37 Kagan associate
- 39 Kennel greeting
- 40 Transparent
- 42 Fast folk dance
- 43 Facade
- 46 "Diana" crooner Paul
- 47 Suds for a Kentucky Derby rider?
- 50 "___ goes nothing"
- 51 Wily
- 52 Editor Talese with her own Doubleday imprint
- 55 Mocks
- 59 Take a stand against
- 61 Spotted African carnivore
- 62 Saloon with extra protection for brawlers?
- 64 Strength
- 65 Unadulterated
- 66 ___ for oneself
- 67 Name on a farm machine
- 68 River crossed by Orpheus to find Eurydice
- 69 Make laugh in a big way

DOWN

- 1 Neckwear named for a British horse race
- 2 Grassy plain of South America
- 3 Reach, as a total
- 4 Cookie with limited-edition Swedish Fish and Pumpkin Spice flavors
- 5 Cars for speedsters
- 6 Signer of the SALT and START agreements
- 7 World Series qualifying matchup, briefly
- 8 Appropriated
- 9 It's all downhill with these
- 10 Travel website with a lot of home pages?
- 11 Rupture
- 12 Actress Anderson of "WKRP in Cincinnati"
- 13 First name in daredevilry
- 18 Lollapalooza
- 22 Apple for the teacher, maybe
- 25 Atlas and Prometheus
- 27 Smidgen
- 28 Addition sign

- 29 Reads between the lines
- 30 Stink to high heaven
- 31 "The Snowy Day" children's writer ___ Jack Keats
- 32 Annual pilgrimage to Mecca
- 33 Hodgepodge
- 34 One high up the corporate ladder
- 38 Give undeserved stars to, say
- 41 Consumes
- 44 Some are private
- 45 Rotating contact list on a desktop
- 48 Catherine who plays Harper Lee in "Capote"
- 49 Promotional puffery
- 52 Prize awarded to women 49 times between 1901 and 2017
- 53 Downward-facing dog, e.g.
- 54 2006 "Weird Al" Yankovic parody "White & ___"
- 55 Thin river herring
- 56 Big Board letters
- 57 Smartphone downloads
- 58 Stretched tightly
- 60 Files opened with Acrobat
- 63 Like some wines

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- 1 It usually thickens
- 5 Ultra-manly
- 10 Bailiwick
- 14 Point sets, in math
- 15 Pompeo of “Grey’s Anatomy”
- 16 Address with an apostrophe
- 17 Behave presidentially when elected president, say
- 19 About
- 20 Party animal in lean years?
- 22 Doled (out)
- 23 “Told you so”
- 24 Its cups won’t hold water
- 26 Show stoppers
- 27 Christens
- 31 Wickerwork material
- 33 Cloak for actress Susan?
- 36 Serviceable?
- 39 Be an ungracious tweeter
- 40 Chimes in
- 41 Teller of guilty pleasures?
- 44 Kristen Bell at the 2018 SAG Awards, e.g.
- 45 Fancy-schmancy
- 46 Eggy drink
- 49 “Programs! Git ___ programs here!”
- 50 Wardrobe malfunction
- 53 Yoga pose
- 55 What each constructor was glad to do for this “Women of Letters” project?
- 60 Unlike “alternative facts”
- 61 Borders bravely crossed by the women of Britain’s Special Operations Executive in WWII
- 62 Suffrage, with “the”
- 63 Two-time Nobelist Curie
- 64 Some parasites
- 65 Floored it
- 66 Casino lineup
- 67 Upscale retail chain

DOWN

- 1 Blood bank supply
- 2 Requiring a combination
- 3 Square dance groups
- 4 Dame or Lady
- 5 Converge
- 6 Friskies sister brand
- 7 Extended family
- 8 Steers steers
- 9 Using pointe shoes, say
- 10 Every which way
- 11 Exceptional person
- 12 Good beach book, probably
- 13 Part of a Latin trio
- 18 Ill-fated Gabler
- 21 See 48-Down
- 25 Some Dadaist works
- 28 Impulse
- 29 With no hair apparent
- 30 Harriet the Spy, for one
- 32 Hit with a rolled-up magazine

- 33 Drink with sushi
- 34 “Love & Mercy” actor
- 35 “Miss ___ Regrets”
- 36 Outdated marriage vow word
- 37 Make a personal connection?
- 38 Like beef Wellington
- 42 “___ give me strength!” (Wonder Woman plea)
- 43 Shoulder warmer
- 46 World of the White Witch
- 47 Next up
- 48 21-Down and others
- 51 Stuff
- 52 ___ code
- 54 Muddies
- 56 Triage factor
- 57 Wonder Woman, for one
- 58 Throw off
- 59 Bread and whiskey
- 60 Remote targets

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16 • Have a Ball (Or Two)

Donna S. Levin



ACROSS

- 1 "Paradise Lost" figure
- 5 Trial
- 9 Word with merry or black
- 14 He preceded and followed O'Brien
- 15 Some, but not many
- 16 Let up
- 17 Amazon Prime membership charge, e.g.
- 19 Deserve
- 20 Comic book legend who has a cameo in "Black Panther"
- 21 Either of Napoleon's wives, by title
- 23 Scout's rider
- 25 Esperanto : jes :: French : ____
- 26 Service used to convey the Hope Diamond to the National Museum of Natural History
- 32 Makes through effort
- 33 Traditional "tan" in a black and tan
- 34 "C'est la ____!"
- 36 Intensely interested
- 37 Isn't buoyant
- 39 Cervine gals
- 40 Signatory to the Oslo Accords (Abbr.)
- 41 He directed Heath and Jake in "Brokeback Mountain"
- 42 Big name at the mattress store
- 43 Gershwin song expressing the need for a hug
- 48 Word in many an empowerment movement name
- 49 Throat ailment
- 50 "Scram!"
- 54 Like some pant legs
- 58 Declaration by a poker player with a lousy hand
- 59 Good guy up on the housetop, in a Christmas song
- 61 Like the mythology of Ragnarok
- 62 Salsa classification
- 63 College attended by Princes William and Harry
- 64 Feminist writer Germaine who, in her seminal work, coined the term suggested by concatenating the last words of 17-, 26-, 43-, and 59-Across

65 Significant time periods

66 Gainsay

DOWN

- 1 Interjection often said with a sigh
- 2 Not a good impression
- 3 Paquin of Netflix's "Alias Grace"
- 4 Climbing atop
- 5 Natural gift
- 6 Like the Eloi in "The Time Machine"
- 7 "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan" novelist Lisa
- 8 Too cute by half
- 9 Currency form that translates to "white strings"
- 10 Peninsula between the Atlantic and the Mediterranean
- 11 Virginia ____ (noted 1587 birth)
- 12 R&B artist Redding
- 13 Attends to one's whistle?
- 18 At ____ for words
- 22 Mechanisms
- 24 Valencias and navels
- 26 Harvest
- 27 Avian American icon

28 Train, in a way

29 State animal of Utah

30 Piano maker's raw material, once

31 Deliberately deceive

35 Old Testament twin

37 Swedish rides

38 Ltd.'s cousin

39 Grew more intense

42 Caught some z's

44 Loose-fitting top

45 One who is truly revolting

46 Hun head honcho

47 Gives a unique identity to

50 Rhames of the "Mission: Impossible" films

51 Señorita's love

52 Less, to a minimalist?

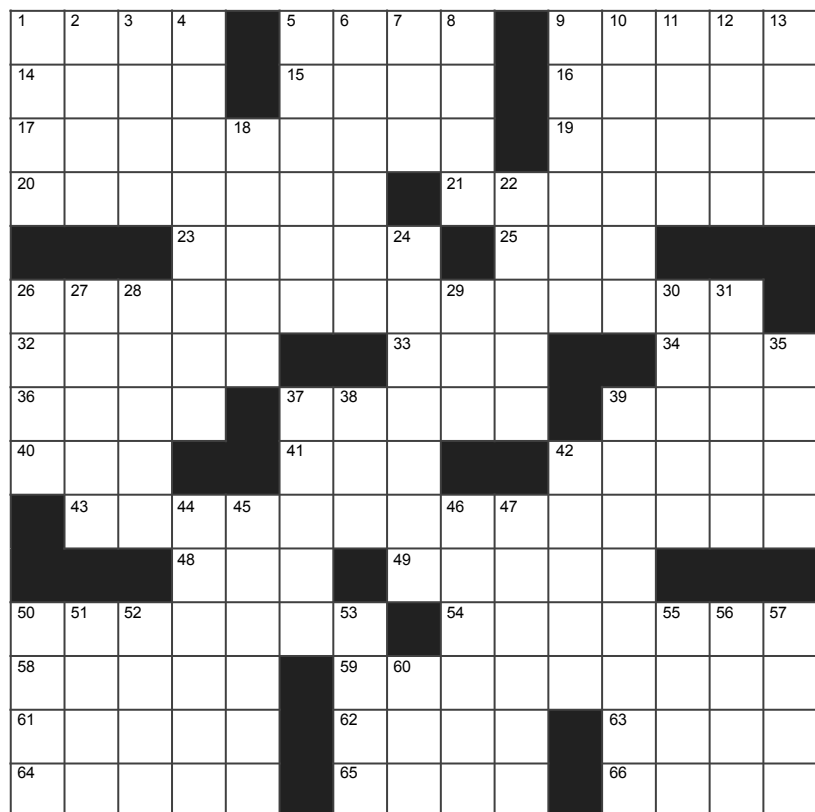
53 "A Series of Unfortunate Events" villain Squalor

55 Bat mitzvah, e.g.

56 Janet Yellen's subj.

57 Big Apple-based fashion label

60 Hot stuff most politicians are full of (no, not that stuff)





ACROSS

- 1 Pitch sometimes called “the hook”
- 10 Amiga
- 15 Like some strength-building exercise
- 16 Run circles around?
- 17 One of the original Wailers
- 18 “Emotions come, I don’t know why / Cover up love’s ___” (Blondie lyric)
- 19 Skating category
- 20 Meadow calls
- 22 Tap site
- 23 Daybreak direction in Durango
- 24 Cargo ships
- 27 Changed the locks?
- 28 Literary cake message
- 29 Hall of Famer Sandberg
- 30 Connect (with)
- 31 Claptrap
- 32 Just barely in time
- 38 “Exile in Guyville” rocker
- 39 CEO’s subordinate
- 40 Part of an Asian capital’s name
- 41 One of God’s Gardeners in Margaret Atwood’s “The Year of the Flood”
- 43 “Buffy the Vampire Slayer” demon who eats kittens
- 47 Ready to make the cut
- 49 Shakespearean king
- 50 One-named “All Over the World” singer
- 51 Mortgage, e.g.
- 52 Golfer known as “The Big Fijian”
- 53 Cochran portrayer in “The People v. O.J. Simpson”
- 55 With no flexibility
- 58 Releases
- 59 Came back to
- 60 Glides
- 61 It’s often loosened on Fridays

DOWN

- 1 Limited
- 2 Nervous
- 3 Ostrich or kiwi
- 4 Changed course
- 5 Misses the mark
- 6 Russian Twitter user, maybe
- 7 Blood typing system
- 8 Swedish hacker of literature and film
- 9 “Fiddler on the Roof” toast
- 10 Oft-disparaged 2005 Oscar-winning film
- 11 Daughter of Loki
- 12 Message sent to a grade-schooler’s crush
- 13 Bordeaux grape
- 14 Exclamation of emphatic denial, with “in”
- 21 Get better, maybe
- 24 Sense
- 25 Tabula ___

- 26 Arcade game based on a 1982 film
- 30 Body of water in a Debussy piece
- 31 Word with pinch or smash
- 32 Sanctions
- 33 Texas shrine
- 34 Mount Kilimanjaro’s home
- 35 “___! Cherry-O” (classic board game)
- 36 Old autocrat
- 37 Negotiation starting pt.
- 41 Letter before omega
- 42 “A little bird told me ...”
- 43 Planned Parenthood facility
- 44 Gave temporarily
- 45 Aced a par-three hole
- 46 Personification of one’s dark side
- 48 Like non-oyster months
- 52 Teenager’s response, most likely
- 54 NBA big man
- 56 Forum greeting
- 57 Guided starter

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- 1 Mockery from the stands
- 6 Bloke
- 10 Sibilant sib
- 13 Related to hearing
- 14 Actress/writer Cornelia ____ Skinner
- 15 ____ and peck
- 16 Subgenre of Tyler Farr's "Redneck Crazy"
- 18 Cinematic lead-in to pussy
- 19 Spa treatments for mummy dearest?
- 20 Wild card, often
- 21 Simian sort
- 22 Dark side of the Tao
- 23 Town in the boondocks
- 24 Morse code transmission unit
- 26 Morse code transmission unit
- 27 Chiefs' purviews
- 28 E or G, e.g.
- 33 Diaphragm, for one
- 35 They may make bank deposits
- 36 Doc who administers a pet scan?
- 37 Black ____
- 38 Big artery
- 42 Dis-members?
- 44 Patel of "Lion"
- 46 Where trauma docs save lives
- 47 Boat used in some Olympic events
- 48 All-female rock band whose members don't actually share the same first name
- 51 Young anteaters
- 52 Result of overindulgence, often
- 53 Syria's continent
- 54 Baseball ploy
- 55 Brief dispatch from @ProBirdRights
- 56 Poivre counterpart
- 57 Brief meeting?

- 58 Buffoons

DOWN

- 1 Kareem Abdul-____
- 2 Moon named after the mother of Minos
- 3 Crumbled over time
- 4 Salacious
- 5 "Not so fast, my friend"
- 6 O'Brien of late night
- 7 Colon-slash-slash preceder
- 8 Broadcasts
- 9 K-pop phenom of 2012
- 10 Curry favor with
- 11 Like every Merl Reagle pun
- 12 Invented baby carriers
- 15 Closer to mother and child?
- 17 Coll. near Narragansett Bay
- 20 Actor who played Vinnie Barbarino and Vincent Vega
- 23 Supposedly old diet
- 25 1950s Hungarian leader Nagy

- 26 Faintly praise, say
- 29 Dipsticks
- 30 Makeshift landmines, briefly
- 31 ____-Magnon
- 32 ____ convenient (far too coincidental)
- 33 Ridiculous justification, politely abbreviated
- 34 1998 Ian McKellen film based on a Stephen King novella
- 36 Italian scooters
- 39 Old cathedral city of Brittany
- 40 ____ Ellis Ross of "Black-ish"
- 41 Ledger stuff
- 43 Disney queen
- 44 Plane's lack
- 45 www.umich.____
- 48 "Yes, that's right"
- 49 ____ Christian Andersen
- 50 Output of a free and independent press
- 52 "Madam Secretary" network

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Puzzle 2

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Puzzle 3

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Puzzle 4

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Puzzle 5

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Puzzle 6

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