

BRING YOUR 'A' GAME

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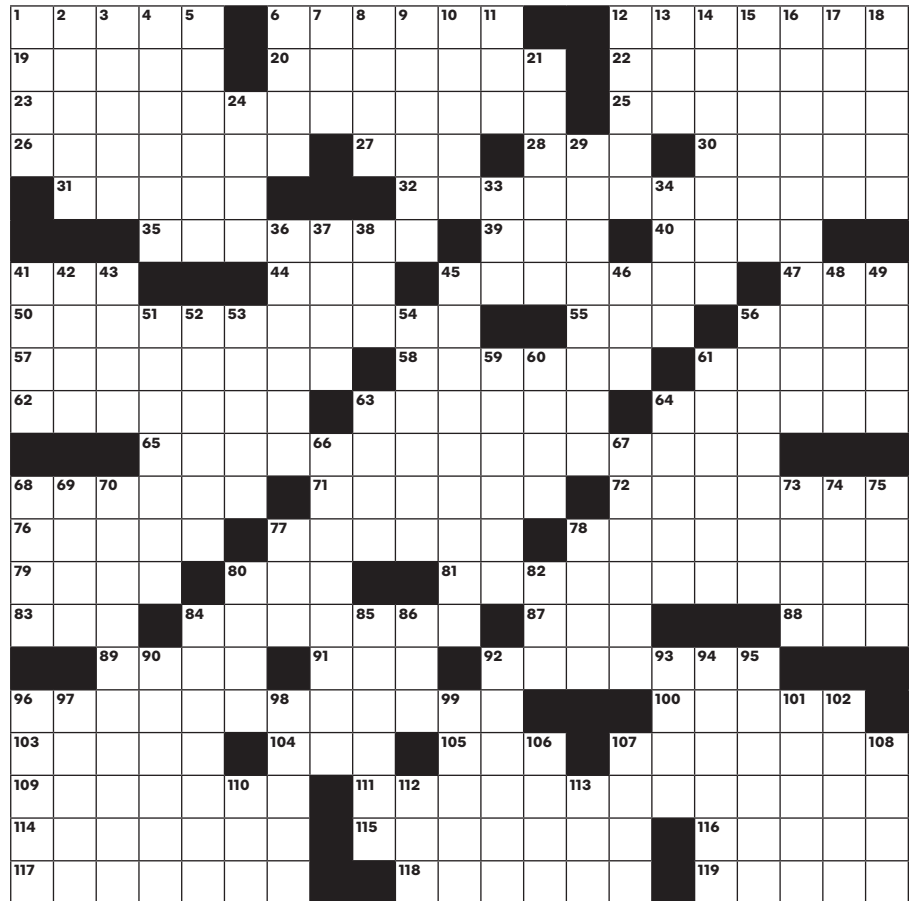
ACROSS

- 1 Half of a 1960s folk-rock group
- 6 Action
- 12 Car thief's tool
- 19 Govt.-backed investment
- 20 Another name for the cornflower
- 22 Vacuum tube with five active components
- 23 What the church's music director wanted to do?
- 25 Stick in a church
- 26 Difficult problem
- 27 "I'm With ___" (2016 campaign slogan)
- 28 Broadband overseer, for short
- 30 Up
- 31 Nasty words
- 32 Truism about unwanted sound?
- 35 Dull
- 39 Indian term of address
- 40 Call ___ early night
- 41 Sch. on the Mississippi River
- 44 Robustness
- 45 Pounds
- 47 Chatter
- 50 Greatly dismay one of the Beatles?
- 55 Picture cards
- 56 Carousel figure
- 57 Staple in Creole cooking
- 58 West Indies city that's home to Lynden Pindling International Airport
- 61 Classic Halloween costume
- 62 Affirmed under oath
- 63 Literary character whose house is uprooted by a tornado
- 64 Shade similar to claret
- 65 Times when your archenemy shows up?
- 68 Decorative throw
- 71 Quaint giggle
- 72 In a daze
- 76 Native of Hrvatska, e.g.
- 77 One of the Ramones

- 78 Dipped in egg and bread crumbs, then fried
- 79 Consider
- 80 Unimpressive brain size
- 81 What the antigovernment activist does?
- 83 Acct. holdings
- 84 Setting of a 1903 Victor Herbert operetta
- 87 Spanish letter with a tilde
- 88 Little kid
- 89 ___ doble (dance)
- 91 What's not a good fit?
- 92 Halloween haul
- 96 "Aye" or "Oui"?
- 100 Anne of fashion
- 103 Pertaining to the lowest possible level
- 104 Rep.'s opponent
- 105 One of the N.H.L.'s original six teams: Abbr.
- 107 Scholarly
- 109 Facing a judge
- 111 Geronimo, when his beard was just coming in?
- 114 Former Indianapolis arena
- 115 Didn't go out
- 116 America's foe in an 1898 war
- 117 Noted satellite of 1962
- 118 Some green sauces
- 119 Very small

DOWN

- 1 Some book-fair organizers, for short
- 2 "The Good Doctor" airtel
- 3 Arouse
- 4 Class Notes subjects
- 5 Get into with little effort
- 6 One who asks "Got your ears on?"
- 7 Rio hello
- 8 Significantly
- 9 Take from the top?
- 10 Nut seen on the back of a dime
- 11 ___ chi ch'uan (martial art)
- 12 Liven (up)
- 13 Billionaire Blavatnik



- 14 Recites, as a spell
- 15 Sight from Catania, in brief
- 16 Frontman whom People magazine once named "sexiest rock star"
- 17 "Methinks ..."
- 18 Matches
- 21 Co. that might hire influencers
- 24 Radiation units
- 29 TV show with the theme song "Won't Get Fooled Again"
- 33 Sch. whose mascot is Brutus Buckeye
- 34 Suffers (from)
- 36 1887 Chekhov play
- 37 Spots at the card table
- 38 "___ bit confused"
- 41 Director von Trier
- 42 Gush
- 43 Hairstyle that calls for a lot of spray
- 45 Do some prescheduling
- 46 Ending with "umich."
- 48 Black birds
- 49 Actor Noah of "ER"
- 51 Prophet believed to be buried in the Cave of the Patriarchs

- 52 Eye luridly
- 53 Foreign language seen on U.S. money
- 54 In mint condition
- 56 Avatar
- 59 Park place?
- 60 Extremely dry
- 61 Symbols of change, in math
- 63 Protected on a boat
- 64 Bathroom sealant
- 66 Ravaged, as mosquitoes might
- 67 Spoke aloud
- 68 Rock band whose lead guitarist notably dresses in a schoolboy uniform
- 69 Actor Armisen
- 70 Flies into a violent rage
- 73 Sci-fi bounty hunter Boba ___
- 74 Golfer Aoki
- 75 Reach out with one's hands?
- 77 Susan of "L.A. Law"
- 78 Abolitionist Horace
- 80 Spot for cannonballs

- 82 Part of a Victorian social schedule
- 84 Who wrote, "This is the way the world ends / Not with a bang but a whimper"
- 85 Enticing smells
- 86 In mint condition
- 90 Some honors
- 92 Polishing aids
- 93 Flatpack retailer
- 94 Go by
- 95 Mexican wrap
- 96 Cancel early
- 97 Former secretary of state Cyrus
- 98 Psychotherapist Alfred
- 99 Diminish
- 101 Like Machu Picchu
- 102 Some fruit-flavored sodas
- 106 ___-free
- 107 Caustic cleaners
- 108 Not allow
- 110 Residency org.
- 112 Trivial content
- 113 Benefits plan, maybe

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