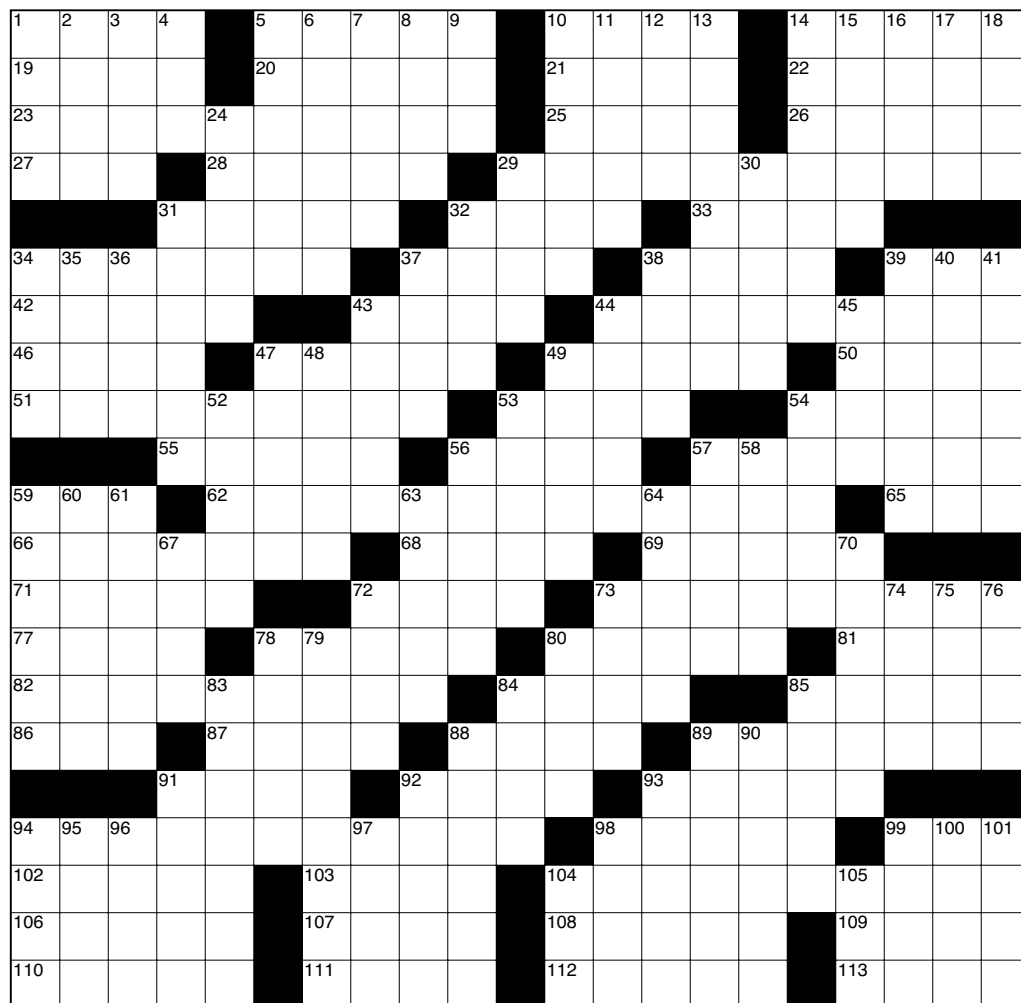


Leveling the Playing Field

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- 1 Scarred skipper
- 5 Buying binge, e.g.
- 10 Little we know?
- 14 Quits abruptly
- 19 River of shadoofs
- 20 Surface-___ missile
- 21 Say that again
- 22 Say good night to her
- 23 Leveled 1984 sci-fi film?
- 25 Anna's adopted land
- 26 S.F. player
- 27 Chi players
- 28 Faces in the ring
- 29 Leveled engineering wonder?
- 31 Upriver spawner
- 32 Peer group?
- 33 Algonquin Hotel regulars, once
- 34 Leveled Cooper character?
- 37 Took off
- 38 Kachina doll maker
- 39 A gender: abbr.
- 42 Lake Indians
- 43 1976 pop hit, "___ Gone"
- 44 Leveled celebration?
- 46 Teen tormentor
- 47 Dinner downer
- 49 Prolix
- 50 Dissipated one
- 51 Leveled driver?
- 53 Casual greeting
- 54 *My Darling Clementine* star
- 55 Simple fellow
- 56 Fountain order
- 57 Homer or Moses
- 59 TV alien
- 62 Leveled presiding officer?
- 65 Steam sound
- 66 Adenauer's nickname
- 68 Tender promises?
- 69 Question relentlessly
- 71 Flabbergasted
- 72 ___ A to Z
- 73 Leveled parts of a meal?
- 77 She sailed in 1492
- 78 Did a cobbler's job
- 80 Dannay and Lee's sleuth
- 81 *Charles in Charge* star
- 82 Fails, in a leveled way?
- 84 Contemptible ones
- 85 Golden Fleece co-conspirator
- 86 Type units
- 87 Broke ground, in a way
- 88 It holds water
- 89 Leveled capital of Malaysia?
- 91 Utah park
- 92 Gerald or Patrick preceder
- 93 Word on a john door
- 94 In level terms, what "the problems of three little people" don't do "in this crazy world"?
- 98 Ball marrier
- 99 Possesses
- 102 Arnold's mate
- 103 Aware of
- 104 Leveled utterer of 94 Across (in a 1942 classic)?
- 106 Syndicated seer



- 107 With -tine, a drink
- 108 *Barry Lyndon* lead
- 109 "Goodness!"
- 110 Rented again
- 111 Michelle Pfeiffer in *Batman Returns*, Selina ___
- 112 "No man is an island" author
- 113 Cameo stone

DOWN

- 1 Raid targets
- 2 Cracker brand
- 3 *A Clockwork Orange's* main character
- 4 Trifecta, for one
- 5 Silkwood portrayer
- 6 Grapefruit
- 7 Her *Nick of Time* album won four Grammys
- 8 Beethoven's one
- 9 Would-be 27th Amdt.
- 10 Vacation location
- 11 In an unkind way
- 12 African nation
- 13 Certain assignments
- 14 Man's shoe
- 15 Te Kanawa recordings
- 16 Mardi Gras follower
- 17 Vulnerable joint, in sports
- 18 Herzegovina hardliner
- 24 Tube honors
- 29 .38s and .45s
- 30 On the brisk side
- 31 Handles the wheel
- 32 Taunt
- 34 Almost here
- 35 Paris landmark
- 36 Get ideas, to Muggsy?
- 37 "Stop pouring now"
- 38 ___-Hoop
- 39 Phony companies, often
- 40 Piano pieces
- 41 "I can't believe ___!"
- 43 Pool member
- 44 Doctor's order
- 45 *East of Eden* twin
- 47 Actor M. ___ Walsh
- 48 Lady of Spain, I do this to you
- 49 They're high and low
- 52 Popcorn-carrier's path
- 53 Boring
- 54 Catch and throw
- 56 Didn't run
- 57 Blender setting
- 58 Born in Baghdad or Bangkok
- 59 Rodgers and Hart tune, "Ten Cents ___"
- 60 French award, the ___ of Honor
- 61 Monet's money
- 63 Canner?
- 64 Charm-challenged fairy-tale beings
- 67 On ___ with
- 70 Fashion I.D.s
- 72 Took off
- 73 Knot in cloth (or a noted singer-actor's first name)
- 74 Zip, to Zapata
- 75 God, to Godard

- 76 Bust out laughing
- 78 *Airplane!*, e.g.
- 79 Type of test
- 80 Type of test
- 83 Company that makes the Etch-A-Sketch
- 84 Lloyd Webber hit
- 85 Passover food
- 88 Ground-corn flour
- 89 African coffee
- 90 Helpless
- 91 African country
- 92 ___ *Attraction*
- 93 Like Mr. Spock's blood
- 94 Love god
- 95 Domesticate
- 96 Type of test
- 97 A Deadly Sin
- 98 Florence's river
- 99 Bakker's Jessica
- 100 Navy foe?
- 101 Charon's river
- 104 Mason's prop
- 105 Sticky stuff

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