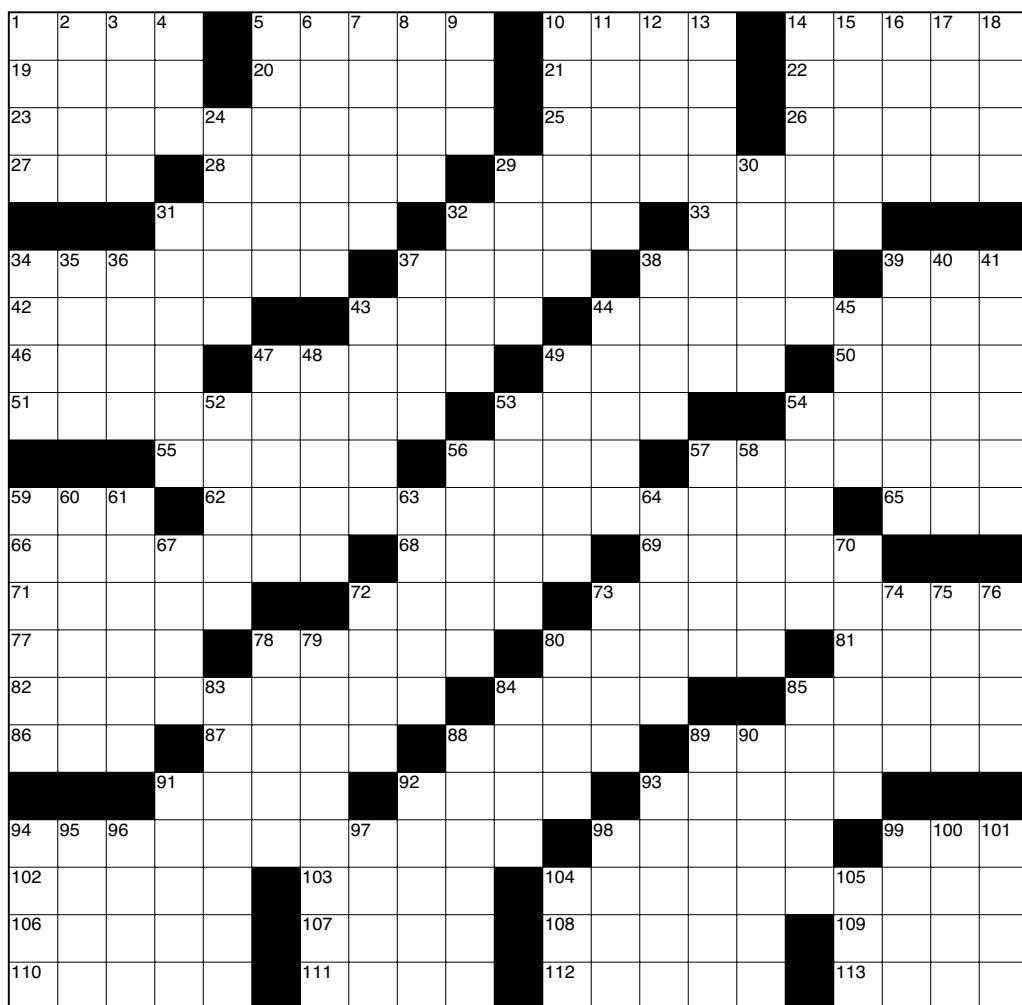


Leveling the Playing Field

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ACROSS

- Scarred skipper
- Buying binge, e.g.
- Little we know?
- Quits abruptly
- River of shadoofs
- Surface-__ missile
- Say that again
- Say good night to her
- Leveled 1984 sci-fi film?
- Anna's adopted land
- S.F. player
- Chi players
- Faces in the ring
- Leveled engineering wonder?
- Upriver spawner
- Peer group?
- Algonquin Hotel regulars, once
- Leveled Cooper character?
- Took off
- Kachina doll maker
- A gender: abbr.
- Lake Indians
- 1976 pop hit, “__ Gone”
- Leveled celebration?
- Teen tormentor
- Dinner downer
- Prolix
- Dissipated one
- Leveled driver?
- Casual greeting
- My Darling Clementine* star
- Simple fellow
- Fountain order
- Homer or Moses
- TV alien
- Leveled presiding officer?
- Steam sound
- Adenauer's nickname
- Tender promises?
- Question relentlessly
- Flabbergasted
- A to Z
- Leveled parts of a meal?
- She sailed in 1492
- Did a cobbler's job
- Dannay and Lee's sleuth
- Charles in Charge* star
- Fails, in a leveled way?
- Contemptible ones
- Golden Fleece co-conspirator
- Type units
- Broke ground, in a way
- It holds water
- Leveled capital of Malaysia?
- Utah park
- Gerald or Patrick preceder
- Word on a john door
- In level terms, what “the problems of three little people” don't do “in this crazy woild”?
- Ball marrier
- Possesses
- Arnold's mate
- Aware of
- Leveled utterer of 94 Across (in a 1942 classic)?
- 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

- Raid targets
- Cracker brand
- A Clockwork Orange*'s main character
- Trifecta, for one
- Silkwood portrayer
- Grapefruit
- Her *Nick of Time* album won four Grammys
- Beethoven's one
- Would-be 27th Amdt.
- Vacation location
- In an unkind way
- African nation
- Certain assignments
- Man's shoe
- Te Kanawa recordings
- Mardi Gras follower
- Vulnerable joint, in sports
- Herzegovina hardliner
- Tube honors
- .38s and .45s
- On the brisk side
- Handles the wheel
- Taunt
- Almost here
- Paris landmark
- Get ideas, to Muggsy?
- “Stop pouring now”
- Hoop
- Phony companies, often
- Piano pieces
- “I can't believe __!”
- Pool member
- Doctor's order
- East of Eden* twin
- Actor M. __ Walsh
- Lady of Spain, I do this to you
- They're high and low
- Popcorn-carrier's path
- Boring
- Catch and throw
- Didn't run
- Blender setting
- Born in Baghdad or Bangkok
- Rodgers and Hart tune, “Ten Cents __”
- French award, the __ of Honor
- Monet's money
- Canner?
- Charm-challenged fairy-tale beings
- On __ with
- Fashion I.D.s
- Took off
- Knot in cloth (or a noted singer-actor's first name)
- Zip, to Zapata
- 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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