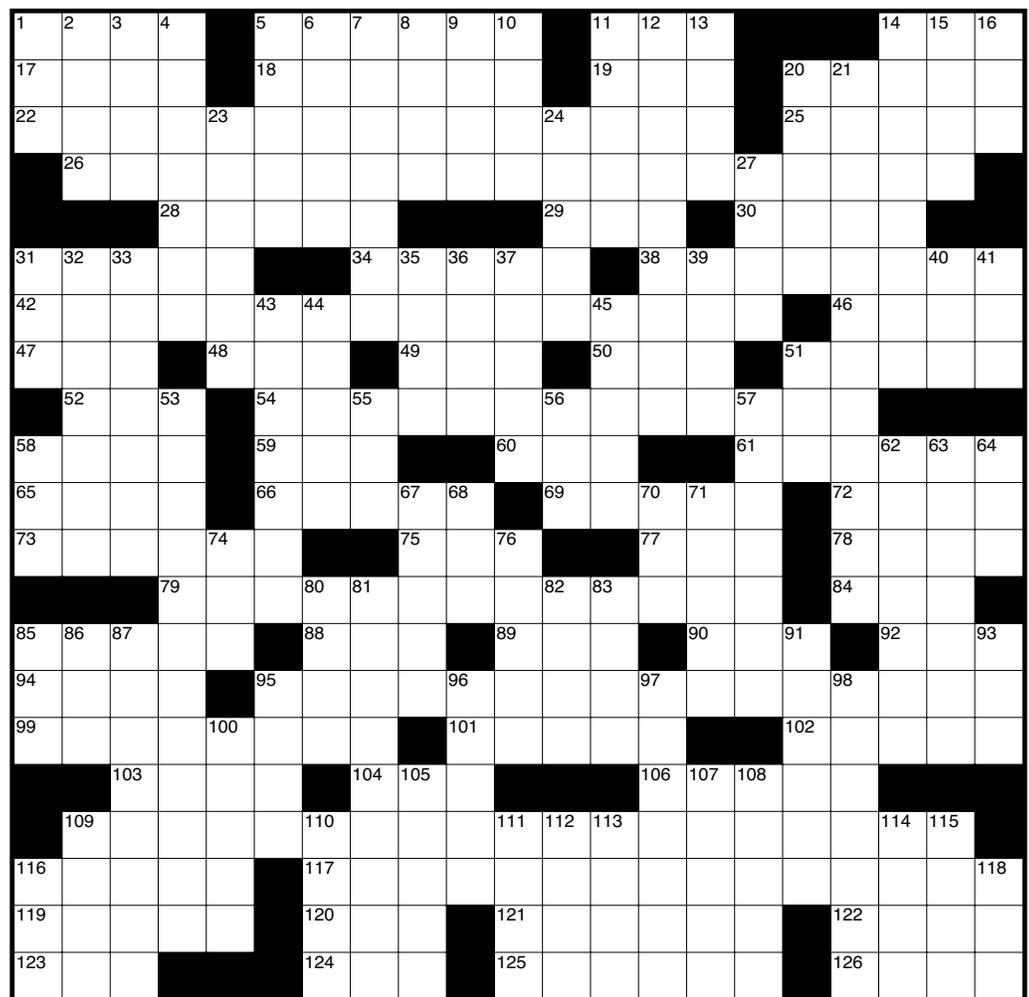


The Big Burnout

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ACROSS

- 1 Arnold's are awesome
 5 Short and thick-set
 11 Requested, in Dogpatch
 14 William Abbott, familiarly
 17 Site of a 1981 nuclear reactor bombing
 18 Crescent-shaped wristbone
 19 ___ Jima
 20 Your things, rather than my things
 22 COMET
 25 Old palindrome, "Able was ___ saw Elba"
 26 COMET
 28 Spill the beans
 29 Asian holiday
 30 Keep secret
 31 Frisbees and many UFOs
 34 "And ___ of thousands"
 38 Bird under glass
 42 Peggy Lee's comet query
 46 Eminently draftable
 47 Neither partner
 48 Squared, it's *nove*
 49 "What am ___ do?"
 50 Two-left-feet type
 51 Bean of "Desperate Housewives"
 52 Impute, as blame
 54 Comet comment from a teen?
 58 Scott of *Happy Days*
 59 Merkel or O'Connor
 60 Bradbury's ___ for *Space*
 61 Prizes for Perlman
 65 Caesarean section?
 66 Part of MGM
 69 Medically, it's a knockout
 72 College in New Rochelle, N.Y.
 73 Trade back
 75 Sodium hydroxide
 77 Docs' org.
 78 Craving
 79 Chevy Chase comedy about the comet?
 84 Pricey, bygone travel option
 85 Big name in refrigerators
 88 A f'vll deck?
 89 Mauna ___
 90 Crumpet "chaser," perhaps
 92 French article
 94 Undivided, as attention
 95 React appropriately to the comet?
 99 "Life is over there— Behind ___" (Dickinson)
 101 Out of the sack
 102 Hear her roar?
 103 Breathing down one's neck
 104 Narrow inlet
 106 Act of seeing, old-style
 109 COMET
 116 *The Vagabond King* composer
 117 COMET (to a puzzle buff)
 119 "Walk Away" girl of song
 120 Mil. rank category
 121 Aviatrix's first name
 122 Whopper
 123 Nogales shout



- 124 Frat party buy
 125 Greetings for Snidely Whiplash
 126 Charon's crossing

DOWN

- 1 Lulu
 2 Stink or switch ending
 3 Crunch's rank, in cerealism
 4 Crush with a retort
 5 Journalistic attitude
 6 Word with jet or diesel
 7 Hooklike
 8 It drops in Times Square on New Year's Eve
 9 Tunesmith Jacques
 10 "You rang?"
 11 A way to the altar
 12 Fragrant garden plants
 13 Winnie was one
 14 Residents of the world's third largest island
 15 Word on many schoolbooks
 16 Latin gods
 20 Shinbone
 21 "Can't make ___ out of it" (comet-gazer's comment)
 23 ___ anchor (rests)
 24 Pigtail, to Pierre
 27 Women
 31 Clangor
 32 Sequester
 33 Magellan's access
 35 Advertising award
 36 Aleutian island
 37 Puppy precautions
 39 Faithful to the orig., sound-wise
 40 Modernist, for short
 41 Summer coat?
 43 Win
 44 Insurance giant
 45 Suffer sans air conditioning
 51 Electrical unit
 53 Beatles song about the comet?
 55 "Wait a second ..."
 56 Do, as laces
 57 Repair shops
 58 Vacation island: abbr.
 62 Disheveled
 63 As a replacement
 64 Warmed the bench
 67 He "has left the building"
 68 Contents of "a pocket full"
 70 Hornswoggled
 71 Be overdramatic
 74 "I caught you!"
 76 China's Zhou
 80 Jewish month
 81 One way to get to Paris
 82 Propels, as a grenade
 83 A Big Three university
 85 Imitation of life?
 86 ___-jongg
 87 Italian mountain chain
 91 Learn ___ (apprentice)
 93 Comet's milieu
 95 Humorist-publisher Bennett
 96 Muse of love poetry
 97 Opens, as a letter
 98 Stops stonewalling
 100 Caucasian, in Hawaiian
 105 Disguised, for short
 107 Sprite
 108 Cuzco's people
 109 Ex-pitcher Hershiser
 110 "Everything but" appurtenance
 111 Asian nursemaid
 112 Big rig
 113 Expwys., e.g.
 114 Coup d' ___
 115 Depend
 116 Half a swing?
 118 Sgt. Preston of the Yukon's horse

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