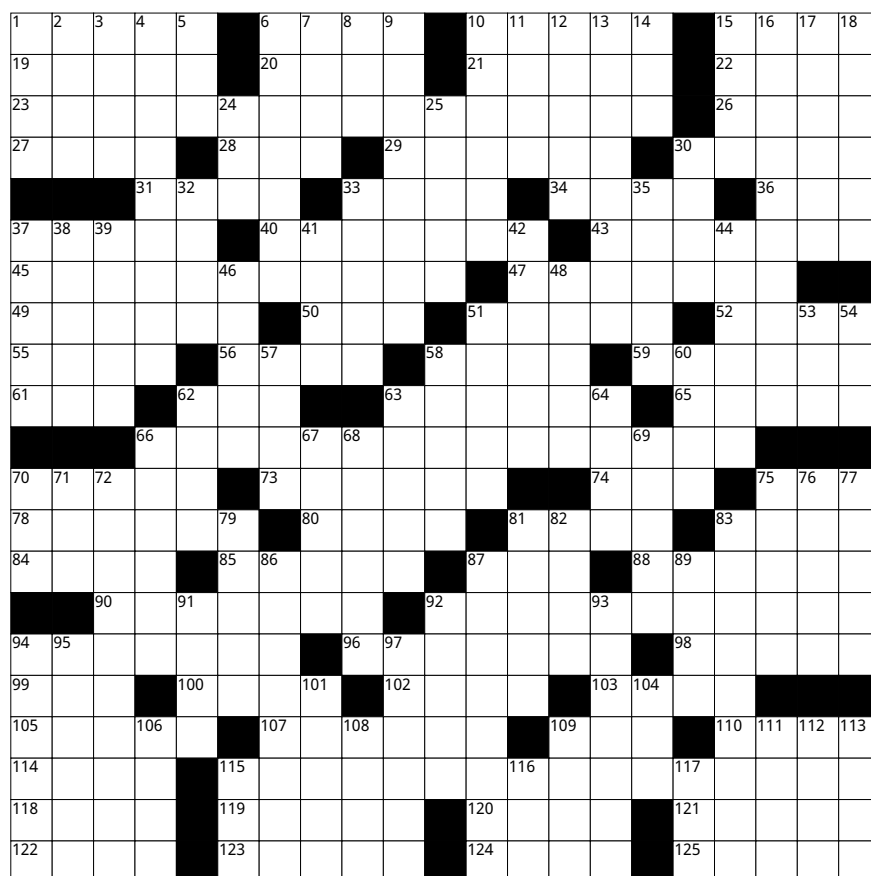


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- 1 Fall guy
6 Mideast native
10 Reason for a romaine recall
15 Shortening
19 Skip the ceremony, say
20 Linguistic feature of some Chinese dialects
21 Passé
22 Frozen treat brand
23 *Emily Brontë
26 Naan flour
27 Captain Hook's cohort
28 NAFTA signer
29 Regard highly
30 Aforementioned
31 Riches preceeder
33 Playground comeback
34 "General Hospital" actress Sofer
36 Table scrap
37 Podcast medium
40 Brouhahas
43 Inning to stretch in
45 *Anna Sewell
47 *Kathryn Stockett
49 Take out, as wine bottles
50 "Truthfully," in a text
51 Eddie of men's clothing
52 Brewery offerings
55 Political satirist Mort
56 Mother and wife of Uranus
58 Balkan resident
59 Speak declarative sentences as if they were questions
61 Time period
62 Mediterranean fruit
63 Savanna tree
65 Wee
66 *Margaret Mitchell
70 "Party Rock Anthem" group
73 Extends, as a library loan
74 Sounds of meditation
75 Some four-year degs.
78 Maroon
80 Hip bones
81 Markdown

- 83 Caspian feeder
84 One wearing very little clothing?
85 Hotel employee
87 Prefix with cache
88 Bacterium requiring oxygen
90 *With 92-Across, Harper Lee
92 See 90-Across
94 Cause for alarm, maybe
96 Frenzied
98 Lavish parties
99 "Knives Out" star de Armas
100 Condo, e.g.
102 "No ifs, __, or buts!"
103 Class with some floors and ceilings, briefly
105 Matter of fact
107 Picturesque cave
109 "Pokémon" protagonist
110 Each
114 MLB stats
115 "Nothing more to add" ... or a hint to interpreting the starred clues (23-, 45-, 47-, 66-, 90- and 92-Across)
118 Burn soother
119 Geek Squad member, shortly
120 Quartet quarter
121 Takes it easy
122 Wait in purgatory, say
123 "Punch Out!!" surname
124 Garbage boat
125 Web company featuring an exclamation point in their logo
- DOWN**
1 Mass seating
2 Former student
3 Carry along
4 Round
5 "___-haw!" (Rodeo cry)
6 Up for debate
7 Novelist Jaffe
8 Oscar winner Lee
9 Huge thing
10 One getting the word out?



- 11 Batter's backdrop
12 Survey choice, sometimes
13 "I'll think about it"
14 Psyche parts
15 Yarn spinner
16 Need for accomplishing a goal
17 Clap back
18 Severe shortage
24 It "really tied the room together," in "The Big Lebowski"
25 Part of a final exam, maybe
30 Do some road construction, say
32 Informal approvals
33 Oranjestad's island
35 India's first prime minister
37 Maltreatment
38 Kind of nerve
39 Russian villa
41 Hors d'oeuvre spread
42 Stiffening stuff
44 Happy as a clam
46 Commence
48 ESPN basketball analyst Brown

- 51 Journalist's sectors
53 Legal limits?
54 ___ Blu (member of 70-Across)
57 Golden ___
58 Vowel sound represented by "ə"
60 Keeps in
62 Oaf
63 Took a spill
64 Nowhere to be found
66 Faux fireplace fixture
67 "Mack the Knife" composer Kurt
68 Green, as trees
69 "To clarify . . ."
70 Started a conga line, say
71 6, on a keypad
72 Process of purifying
75 Oven button
76 Native-born Israeli
77 Goes downhill, in a way
79 Perrier competitor
81 Religious divisions
82 Golfer Isao
83 Downtown, e.g.
86 "Okey-doke!"

- 87 Venetian transports
89 Waffle brand
91 "America's Got Talent" judge Heidi
92 SeaWorld roller coaster
93 Skating revue
94 Undeserved reputation
95 Incompetent
97 Betrays to Mom, say
101 Ensnarers
104 "SNL" comedian Michael
106 Section of a car dealership
108 12-Down, en español
109 On the subject of
111 Ritzy
112 Title role in a 2022 Tom Hanks film
113 Tijuana tender
115 Small songbird
116 Business letters
117 Sardonic