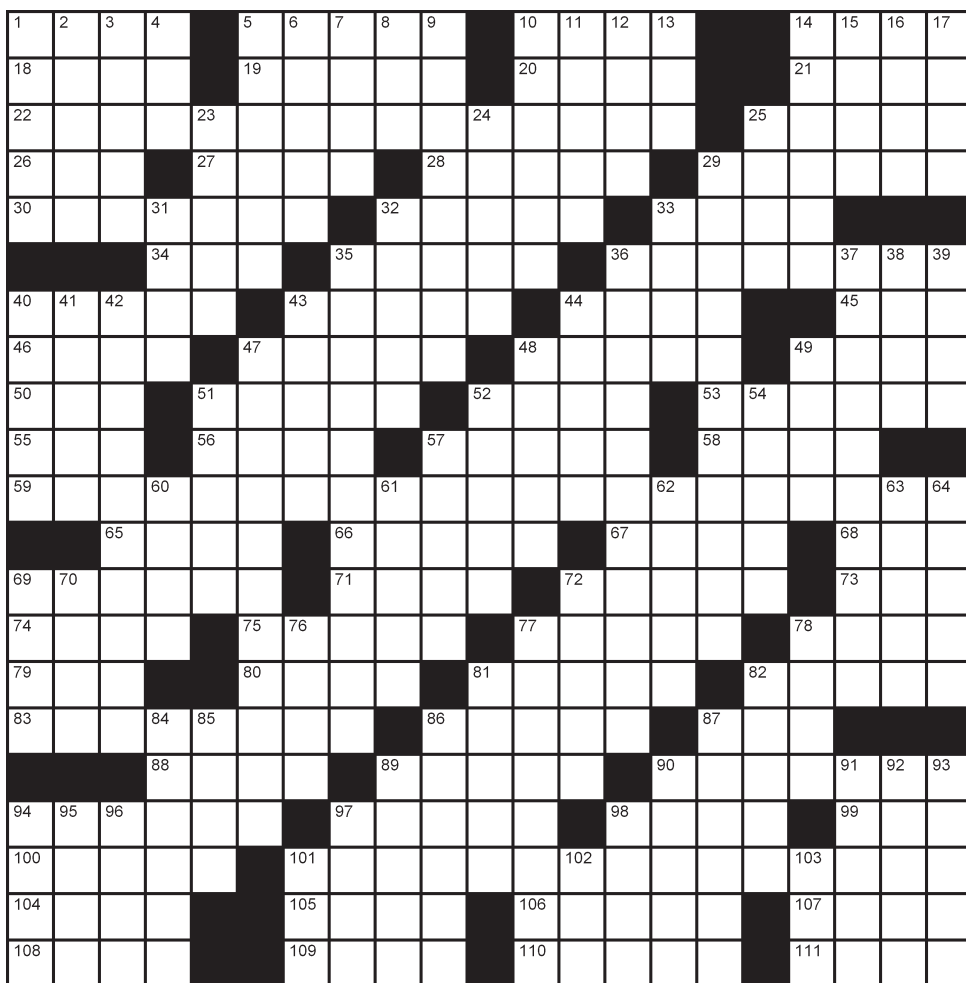


THEME CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

1. Measure of arable land
5. Pants
10. Exchange discount
14. Shoestring tie
18. Indonesian boat
19. Wipe
20. Aqua --
21. High-ranking Arab
22. Start of a quip by Oscar Wilde: 4 wds.
25. Flat surface
26. "-- about time!"
27. Commedia dell'--
28. Spurious
29. Matters
30. Cleanse, as a wound
32. Swerves
33. Birdcall
34. Card up a sleeve
35. Low-down fellows
36. Resin used for incense
40. Large
43. Glide
44. Smallest piglet
45. Kind of ideal
46. Egyptian god
47. Plummets
48. Venomous creature
49. Snide look
50. Stannum
51. Names
52. All-night dance party
53. City in Denmark
55. Cousin to Ltd.
56. Wahine's dance
57. Energy type
58. Jar
59. Part 2 of quip: 6 wds.
65. Sediment
66. -- Alighieri
67. Old Windows visual theme
68. Internet domain
69. Mountainous area
71. Tiny colonists
72. Data
73. -- -de-France
74. Home to billions
75. Hibernian
77. Slices
78. Russian monarch
79. Rock band -- Speedwagon
80. Winning distance
81. Eastern Europeans
82. Like a tavern
83. Cuddle
86. Gas jet
87. "The -- & Stimpj Show"
88. Western people
89. Thicke and Rickman
90. Burdened ones
94. Nipper
97. Antelope
98. Performance highlight
99. Handgun
100. Old Greek theater
101. End of the quip: 4 wds.
104. Tragic king
105. Great effort
106. Laughing
107. Exfoliation treatment
108. Skulls
109. Acknowledges
110. Fling
111. -- est percipi

DOWN

1. Sap-sucking bug
2. Where Minos ruled
3. Swelter
4. Projecting part
5. Clooney or Carlin
6. Rock ridge
7. Except
8. Greek letter
9. Altruistic
10. Granny Smiths
11. Shot in the dark
12. Dies --
13. Wood for barrels
14. Caviar source
15. Muscat and --
16. Caught in filters

17. Minerals
23. Drug baron
24. -- Sainte Marie
25. Garden's water feature
29. Disputes
31. Get with effort
32. Closes
33. Healthy upstairs
35. Buttery sauce
36. Most excellent
37. Invigorate
38. Times gone by
39. Heart
40. Of the day's start
41. -- acid
42. Compromise
43. Kind of lily
44. Challenger
47. Critical one
48. Prize
49. -- majesty
51. Hot pepper
52. Origins
54. WEF site
57. Cousin to a droid
60. Traveler's need
61. -- macabre
62. -- -foot-oil
63. Of clay
64. "-- Which Way But Loose"
69. Painter -- Chagall
70. Adrift
72. Criticizes
76. Assumed character
77. Speaks ill of
78. Time per.
81. Bias
82. Early jazz
84. Comes to mind
85. Provo neighbor
86. Swings wildly
87. Tell
89. Friend of Simon and Theodore
90. "Lorna --"
91. Brutes
92. Is deserving of
93. Sundial pin
94. Marco --
95. Brainwave
96. Narrow
97. Sufficiently, formerly
98. Red giant
101. Japanese statesman
102. Drop
103. Copy

Solution to last week's puzzle

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