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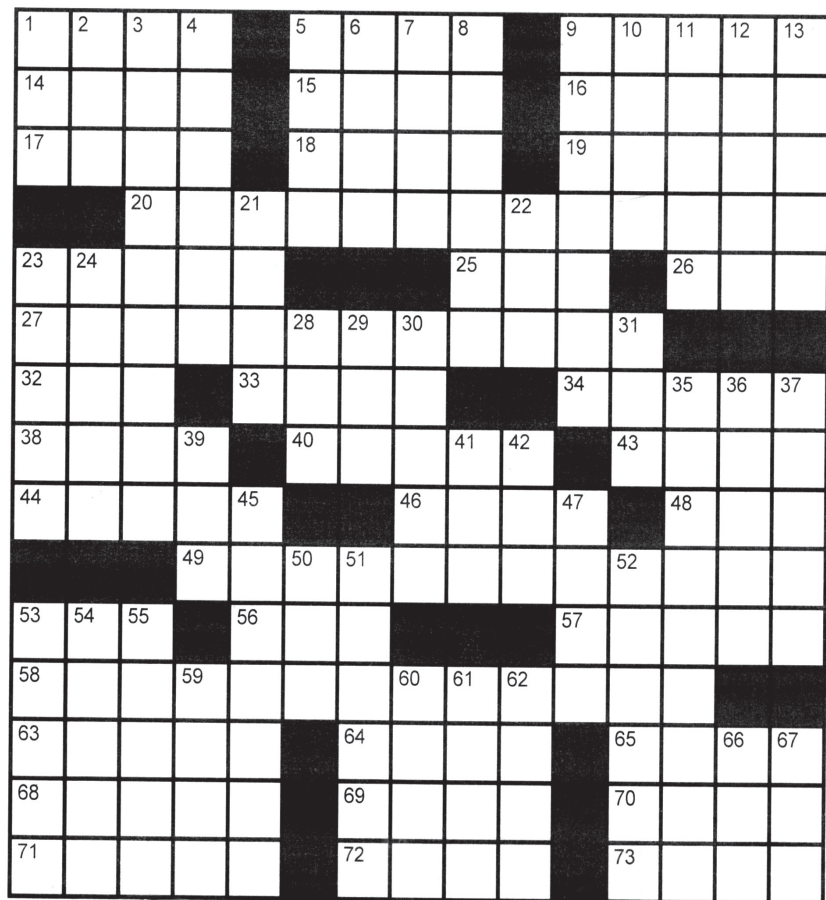
A MUSCULAR APE

GOOD LORD... THESE
PUZZLES ARE SO FUN! I'M
TURNING INTO A WOLF
WHO LIKES CROSSWORDS



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Dear John...



Across

1. [OMG!]
5. Treble or bass symbol, e.g.
9. "___ la vista!"
14. Utah resort with a skiers-only policy
15. Dinosaur noise, to a millennial
16. Food Network host Brown
17. Lowly worker
18. "Superfood" served in a bowl
19. Buffoon
20. They may eat you out of house and home
23. Words on a volunteer's badge
25. "That was ___, this is Tao" (eastern religion pun)
26. Possessive pronoun, to King James
27. Fried potatoes that are always happy to see you
32. Slithering strangler
33. "Star Trek" character who had a pet cat named Spot
34. Striped feline
38. Miscalculates
40. Calvin's spaceman alter ego in "Calvin and Hobbes"
43. 'Tis the season
44. This may clog one's pipe
46. ___ a soul
48. One half of a Worcestershire sauce duo
49. Mile-high breakfast option
53. Bassist Sutcliffe, an early Beatle
56. Korean currency
57. Boundaries between Zodiac signs
58. A bit of sweet jewelry
63. "Pete and Pete" strongman
64. Smoothie seeds
65. Talk up excessively
68. Irish form of Mary
69. NYC deli known for its pastrami on rye
70. Portland college with an unofficial mascot (The Doyle Owl)
71. University of Texas's Bevo, e.g.
72. Location one can build with HTML
73. Famously hairy Biblical man who sells his birthright



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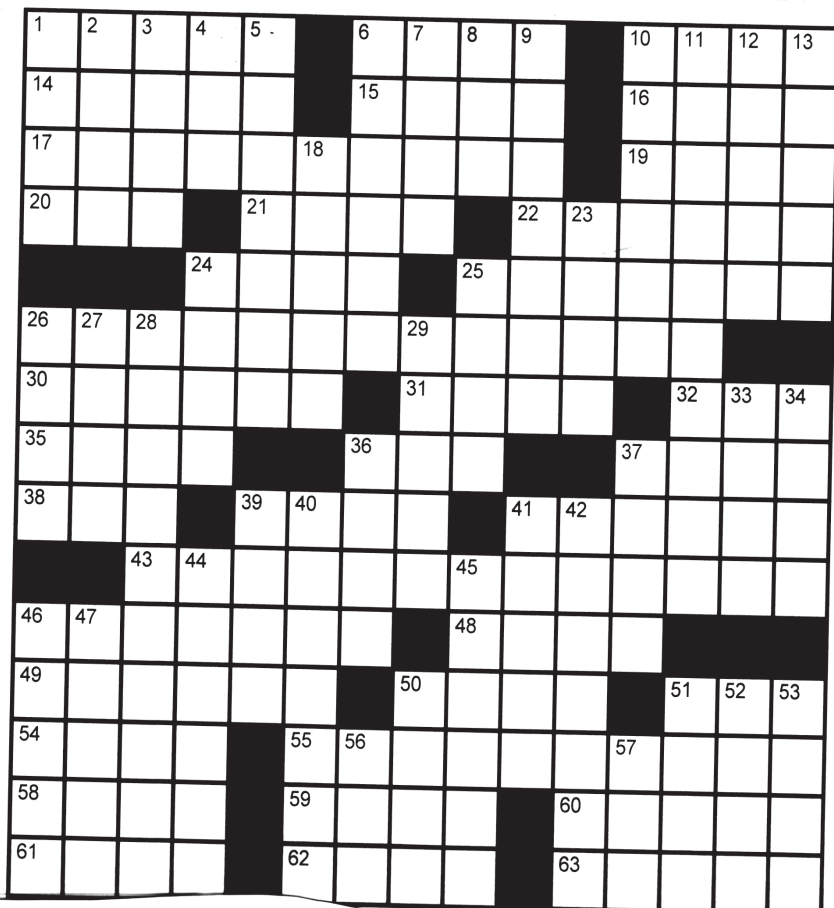
1. "Cumberland ___" (Appalachian folk song)
2. It can be ginger or pale
3. Talladega vehicles
4. Canal country
5. "Rats!"
6. Add harder drugs to
7. Actor McGregor
8. Aunt Ritz of "Nancy" comics
9. Lunch lady accessory
10. He played Hawkeye on M*A*S*H
11. Tour of duty
12. It may be crowned or chipped
13. Fidgety
21. The Jesus and Mary Chain brothers' surname
22. Unagi
23. Resting place for "Jurassic Park" mosquito
24. Cross the goal line
28. "Ether" rapper
29. Race car additive
30. Lobster roll locale
31. "___ You'll Be There" (Spice Girls song)
35. Targets
36. Stop a curse, in a way
37. Irish writer from whose poem the phrase "no country for old men" originates
39. Vicious of punk
41. Not close
42. ___-yo (TCBY treat)
45. "In the ___" (Walkmen song)
47. Place to "hang out with all the boys" according to the Village People
50. Denial in Dijon
51. Tees with angular collars
52. Card game popular in the Midwest
53. Three-card Monte and others
54. The Hanged Man's home
55. Set free
59. Grim
60. Spiced tea
61. Eartha who played Catwoman
62. Hang in the hammock
66. Part of a pod
67. End of student email address



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③ "It's One Louder,
Isn't It?"



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1. Jimmy Page and Jimi Hendrix, slangily
6. Watered down
10. The San Juans: Abbr.
14. "Frasier" surname
15. Irish singer who lives in a castle
16. Puppy food
17. *Show off on a surfboard*
19. Actress Russell of "The Americans"
20. Symbol seen atop a pyramid
21. Former MTV and NBC host Carson
22. Gobstoppers and the like
24. Singer and reality star Jojo

25. Places where many rock groups get their start
26. *Address for the UK Prime Minister*
30. Jonathan Richman's band were Modern ones
31. "___ we forget"
32. Put two and two together?
35. ___ Ishii, Lucy Liu's "Kill Bill" character
36. Spirit conjured in 1920s bathtubs?
37. ___ B'rith (Jewish organization)
38. Trent Reznor band, in short
39. Jennifer who wrote "A Visit From the Goon Squad"
41. File included in many downloads
43. *Popular Letterman segment*
46. Pioneers, maybe?

48. Coleslaw in a Daniel Clowes comic
49. More cozy
50. Big 12 team from 50D
51. German granny
54. Canadian ballplayer of yore
55. **What Spinal Tap's amplifiers do, or a hint for solving the italicized clues**
58. Timberlake's partner
59. "Dies ____" (hymn)
60. Film critic who wrote, "This movie doesn't scrape the bottom of the barrel. This movie isn't the bottom of the barrel. This movie isn't below the bottom of the barrel. This movie doesn't deserve to be mentioned in the same sentence with barrels."
61. One of nearly 20 million in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge
62. Condition for which Adderall may be prescribed, in brief
63. Familiar name for Houston's baseball squad

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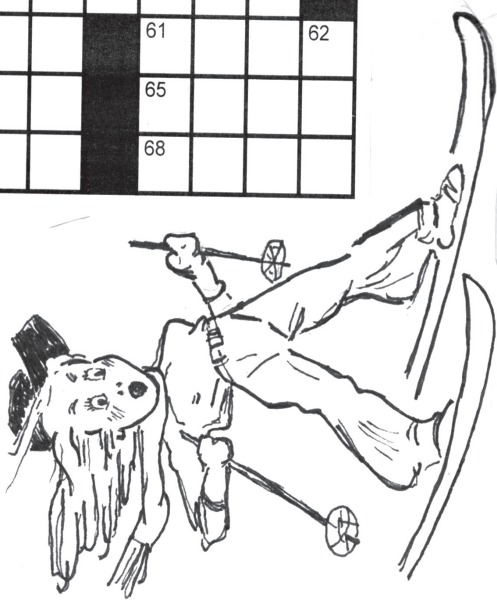
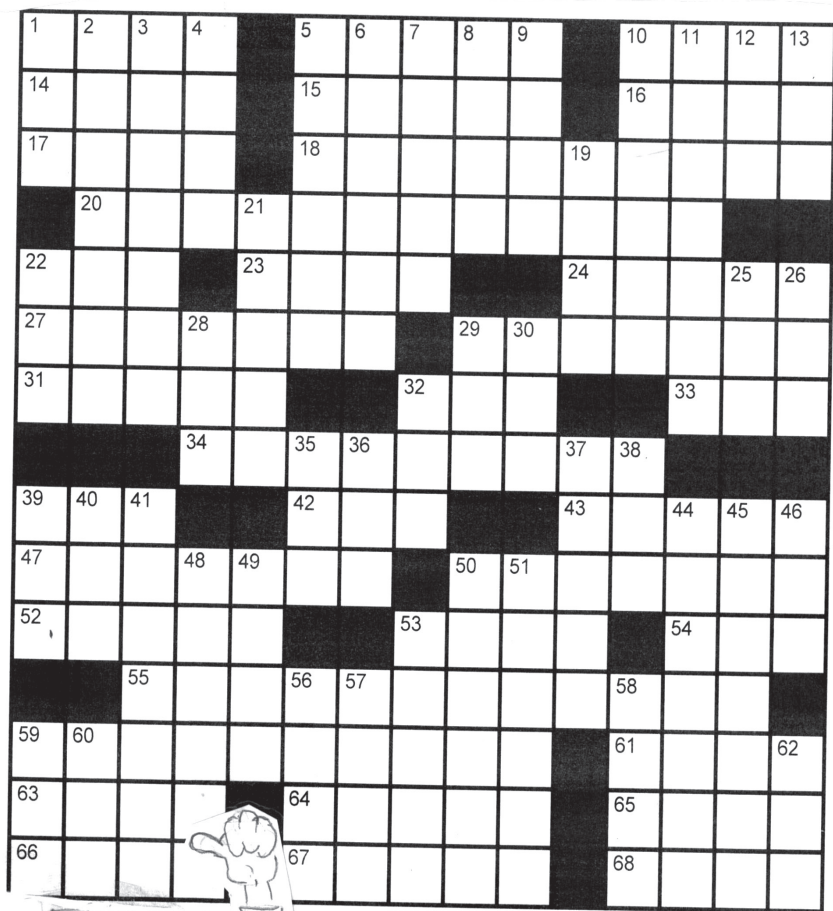
1. Yearn
2. ____ Spex, punk band led by Poly Styrene
3. Lion's locks
4. One half of a famous duo of conjoined twins
5. More emotionally dependent
6. Scottish rugrat
7. A deadly sin
8. Sailor's "yes"
9. Bob Dole and Dwight Eisenhower, for two
10. Actor Michael who stars in the film referenced by this puzzle's theme
11. Memoir by Betty MacDonald that originated the characters Ma and Pa Kettle (and lent its name to a chain of breakfast restaurants)
12. Del ____, town in Colorado
13. From Davos, e.g.
18. Pride of many suburbanites
23. Habeas corpus, e.g.
24. "Ren & Stimpy" cousin with a Swedish name
25. Stefani who sang "Underneath it All"
26. North Carolina college town
27. Actress Petty of "Tank Girl"
28. Good thing to keep in a tough situation
29. They protect the passer
33. Hoover, Grand Coulee, and others

34. Carnivore, for example
36. February 13th honorees
37. Like Pitbull and some eagles
39. Fencing blade
40. Home of the Braves?
41. "Walk Away ____," song by the Left Banke
42. Strands at sea
44. Baltimore bird
45. Killed the bill
46. Biblical queen or cat food
47. Britney Spears song whose video was deemed "too racy for MTV"
50. The Beehive State
51. High side of a bet
52. Desus and ____: Bronx comedy duo who hosted the Bodega Boys podcast
53. Picnic pests
56. Former Monterey Bay Army post
57. Ex. of this payment option include Oregon Trail, Colorado Quest, and Golden State Advantage



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THE ETERNAL QUESTION!



Across

1. Church nook
5. Holy scripture
10. Bell-shaped chocolate
14. Nothingness
15. Main character in Shaq-Fu video game
16. Gilgamesh descriptor
17. Competent
18. Red or green?
20. Red or green?
22. Prohibit
23. Hawaiian goose
24. Another name for "the Gram"
27. How Big Macs are served
29. Bernie or Barry, e.g.
31. To criticize (perhaps in the style of a canine)
32. Peace's opposite
33. City dump, across the pond
34. Only US State with an official state question (as seen in the italic clues in this puzzle)
39. [Blech!]
42. Modern milk option
43. "Suckin' on a chili dog outside the Tastee Freez," e.g.
47. Descendants
50. He put the Earth at the center of the universe
52. Dirty campaign tactic
53. "John ___ at the End" (2012 horror/comedy film)
54. High ___ kite
55. Red or green?
59. Red or green?
61. Horror film that introduced Damien, the son of Satan, with "The"
63. Ready to be picked
64. Montana city
65. A barber may tame it

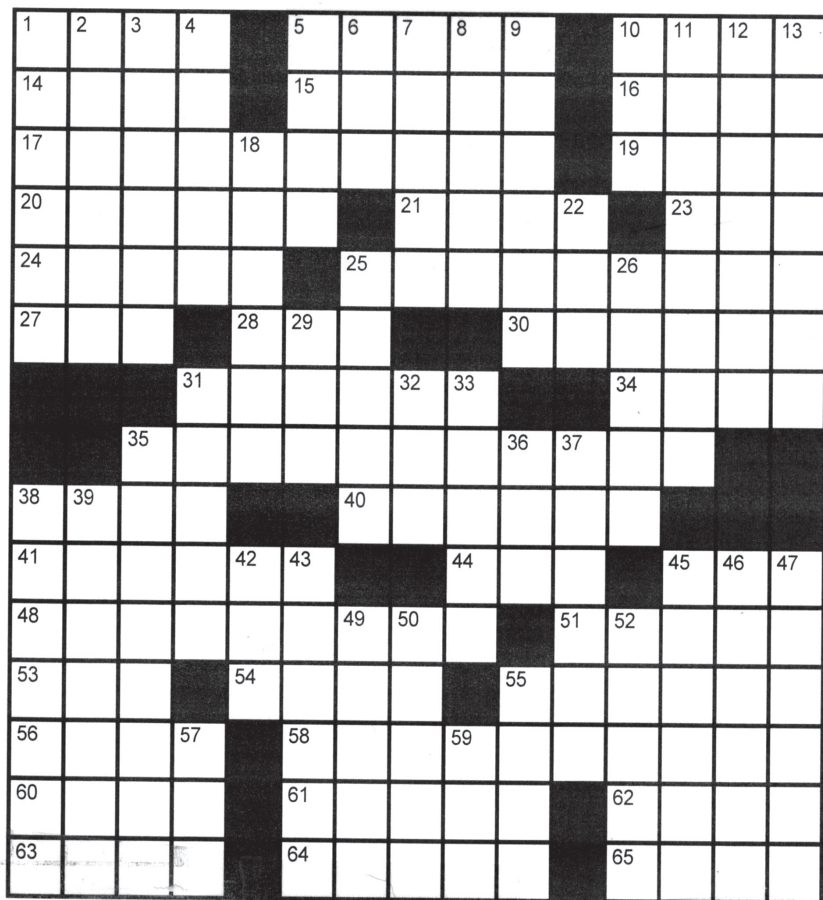
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1. Palindromic first name of Actress Gardner
2. Mild chili pepper named for Puebla, Mexico
3. It's found in lasagna
4. Locale that's no longer clothing optional
5. Writer/director of cult film "Putney Swope" (1969)
6. Issues of a satirical newspaper
7. Punk, for one



8. Actress West and video game character Borowski
9. Very much
10. "Be Kind, ___"
11. Condition that allows everyone to be present when a scene is filmed
12. It's proverbially wise to let sleeping dogs do this
13. Monk's condition, in brief
19. It keeps Dancer and Prancer in line
21. Idiotic
22. Asset for righteous babe or smokin' hunk
25. It can precede "angle"
26. Reptile responsible for (and found in the phrase) Cleopatra's passing
28. Cuban rum
29. Bill Clinton blew this on "The Arsenio Hall Show"
30. "Beau is Afraid" director Aster
32. Like cement you can write your name in
35. Took the crown
36. Spidey's aunt
37. Put a lid on
38. Olive ___ (Popeye's sweetheart)
39. It can tell you the way to San Jose
40. One of eight on an octopus
41. Flies off the handle
44. Stereotype used to uphold gender norms
45. "Good lord! Time for a nap"
46. Adios, to a texter
48. Popular gossip blog that became a target for Peter Thiel
49. Pennsylvania home of MiLB's Moon Mammoths
50. Download from Limewire, say
51. More succinct
53. Fido's babysitter, perhaps
56. Car clickers
57. "That's right"
58. SF home to several works by Matisse
59. Support underneath a jumper
60. Fix, as an election
62. Amal Clooney ___ Alamuiddin

ANIMAL CRACKERS MY SOUP



Across

1. Flightless birds who won "war" fought in 1930's Australia
5. "I love you" in Spanish
10. Spellbound
14. Lesbian icon portrayed by Lucy Lawless
15. Wears
16. Vegan thickening agent that can be used in Panna Cotta
17. Ink for Travis Bickle?
19. Garr or Hatcher
20. Final score in soccer, but never baseball
21. Air filter acronym

23. Go on the ___ (hightail it)
24. Companion of the Niña and the Santa Maria
25. What Bart Simpson and his friends found in the Knoxville, TN Sunsphere
27. Songs the band plays on a given night
28. Word repeated before "black sheep"
30. Like pinball machines and moving dioramas
31. Dickens's "Little ___"
34. Dunham of "Girls" fame
35. *Mutts*, or phonetically, a hint to 17, 25, 48, and 58 across

38. Non-vegan cooking fat with high smoke point
40. Activity that may raise one's spirits
41. Opinion softening phrase
44. Blanc who voiced Bugs Bunny
45. Put a lid on
48. Greek societies that honor Wellingtons, Chelseas, and Chukkas?
51. Spanish for "roasted"
53. Composer of the Windows 95 startup sound
54. Theater section seen in Renoir painting
55. Band of 55D who live in northeastern Utah
56. Is quite good, slangily
58. Sign taped to a box of "Wild Thing" and "With A Girl Like You" singles that sits on the curb?
60. "___ of my Soul": Isabel Allende novel
61. French woman
62. Earth goddess
63. Taj Mahal city
64. Finals, e.g.
65. Damned thing, to Lady Macbeth

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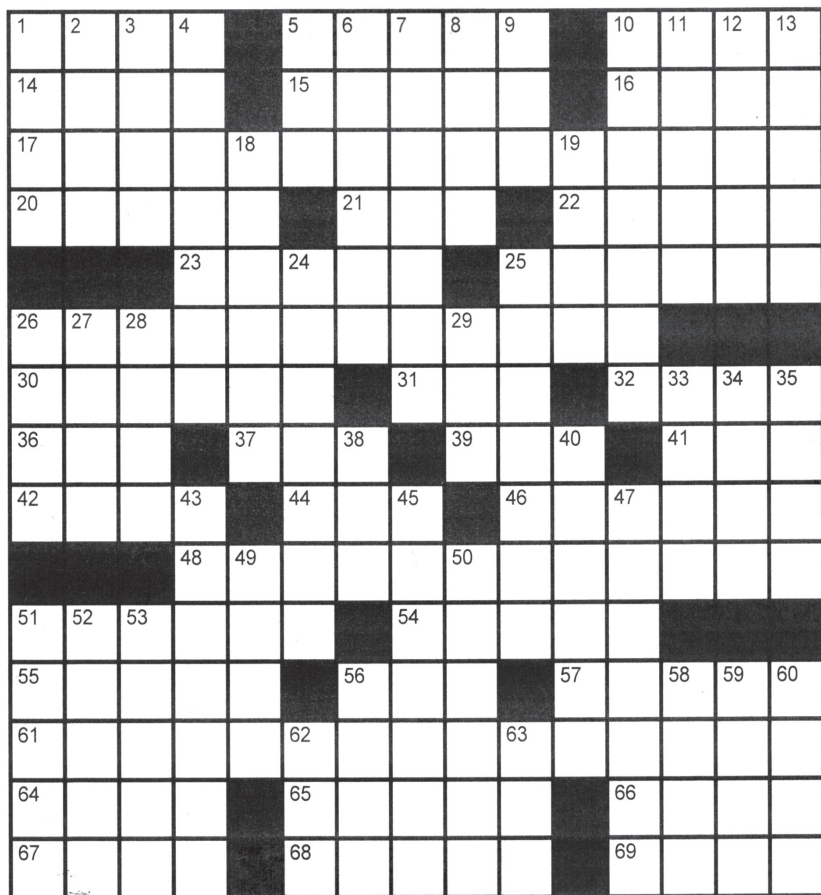
1. Hercule Poirot and Mike from "Breaking Bad," e.g.
2. Unpleasant bloke
3. Straight as an arrow
4. Wooden shoe whose name gave us a term for a deliberate obstructive action
5. The old you?
6. Take down a submarine?
7. Popular Japanese brew
8. Setting for much of "Bottle Rocket" (and "Psycho")
9. How many freelance writers work
10. Cairn Terrier's quarry
11. Botox target
12. Model of excellence, or a member of '60s ska group who recorded "The Tide is High"
13. Weight loss pills promoted by Anna Nicole Smith in a memorable series of early 2000s ads
18. "Living ___" by Living ___ (top-20 hit single in 1987)

22. Hubbub
25. Pals, in cowboy slang
26. Writer who said "With freedom, flowers, books, and the moon, who could not be perfectly happy?"
29. Word that's a homophone of the 18th letter of the alphabet
31. Had S-E-X
32. "May ___ excused?"
33. Like SFO's AirTrain and others
35. Human character on Sesame Street, or how a child might address a basketball player?
36. "Noches ___-Bé-A" (basketball promotion honoring hispanic heritage)
37. Cream-filled pastry
38. The only Black state in Africa never under colonial rule
39. What happens on Yom Kippur
42. One might find Texans here
43. Surname for Sid and Marty who created H.R. Pufnstuf
45. Term for the 7 million-year period in which felines disappeared from the fossil record
46. Slowly, in music
47. VW model
49. Concur
50. Is rife with
52. Locks lips in Liverpool
55. Four Corners tribe
57. Government org. for retirees
59. CPR specialist



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Don't Touch that dial!



Across

1. Brewski in Bavaria
5. Thrown, like the shot that killed Goliath
10. Make an ass of oneself?
14. Norway's capital
15. Just groovy
16. Naturalness
17. *The Beatles (1966)
20. Barkers seen on California's coast
21. Trains in Chicago
22. Beginning
23. Icon of Twitch?
25. Shows disdain à la Sid Vicious
26. *Songs of yesteryear, or when taken literally, a hint to the starred clues*
30. Former child star Bella
31. Follower of bitter or dead
32. Actor Omar, who was Q in "Juice"
36. "Texas tea" brewed from dead dinos
37. Symbols next to brand names: Abbr.
39. "Are we there ___?"



41. Have a bug
42. Part of a shoe that can be holey
44. "Monsters, ___"
46. Beethoven's Third (add a letter and it's smut)
48. *Donovan (1966)
51. Adjective preceding "core" in low-budget film genre
54. Love in the Swiss (but not French) Alps
55. "Take me ___"
56. Co. whose Instant Messenger was finally disabled in 2017
57. The highest a Scout can get
61. *Captain Beefheart (1967)
64. Muslim leader
65. Make cut-offs, maybe
66. Self-proclaimed "Sunniest City on Earth"
67. Genre for lad mags
68. For-profit college familiar to daytime TV viewers

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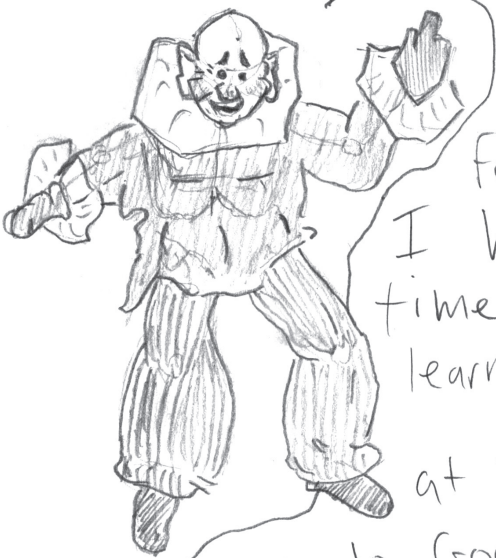
69. Pot part
 1. Juvenile counterpart to 67A
 2. What a shrink might say
 3. Jazz singer Fitzgerald
 4. Spanish 101 stumbling block
 5. Horror franchise with XI installments



6. Finish slower than
7. Hawaiian instrument whose name means "jumping flea"
8. Catches red-handed
9. Where rats can take the bench?
10. "Mountain dog" named for the Swiss capital
11. "___ High the Roof Beam, Carpenters"
12. Ed of "Up"
13. What a Gen Z woodchuck does with wood?
18. Actor Haley Joel who saw dead people
19. It's how steak is done, in old slogan
24. 5,280 feet
25. Silently scornful response to a bad joke, say
26. Muscular Pontiacs of old
27. Where you can discover Columbus
28. Laze about
29. Parenthetical info next to Zohran Mamdani's name
33. 1987 Razzie Award nominee "The Garbage ___ Kids Movie"
34. Los Angeles boulevard named after the last Mexican governor of Alta California
35. Dressing for a dog
38. Where Will Ferrell portrayed 40D, in brief
40. Television icon who hosted "Jeopardy!" for 37 seasons
43. Mummifies
45. Boastful sign on some old roadside motels
47. Great Chicago Fire scapegoat, Mrs. ___ cow
49. Ticklish red monster
50. More like a certain cartoon coyote?

51. Bialik, once seen as a possible successor to 40D
52. Bill Withers hit
53. Fashionable Italian city
56. What Napoleon was ere he saw Elba, in famous palindrome
58. So-called "Disease of Kings"
59. How someone suffering from 58D may be left
60. Babybel cheese variety
62. Paper projectile, with "spit"
63. "___ 'Havoc!' and let slip the dogs of war": Shakespeare





Thank you
for doing my puzzles!
I hope you had a good
time at it, and maybe
learned a fact or two.
IF you're still working
at it and are stuck, feel
free to Google stuff-- I don't consider
it cheating. These are kind of tough!
You can also ask me for hints/answers/
explanations for the themes. ☺
Your friend, Kyle