

ACROSS

- 1 Broadcast watchdog agency, abbr.
- 4 Limbs inside sleeves
- 8 Easy ____ ("dessert" simple)
- 13 Tic-tac-toe winning line
- 14 Helped oneself to
- 15 Drops of dew
- 16 Cornered and unable to move
- 19 Spooky
- 20 Idyllic spot
- 21 To the ____ degree (highly)
- 22 Desirable traits
- 24 Color of rubies
- 26 Last word of the "Happy Birthday" song
- 28 Numbered roads, abbr.
- 29 Battery terminal abbr.
- 32 Beggars' horses
- 34 Reddish hair dye
- 36 Mock playfully
- 37 "Feline" fast-moving
- 40 Motorist's reversal
- 42 Salesman's spiel
- 43 Writes with capital

letters

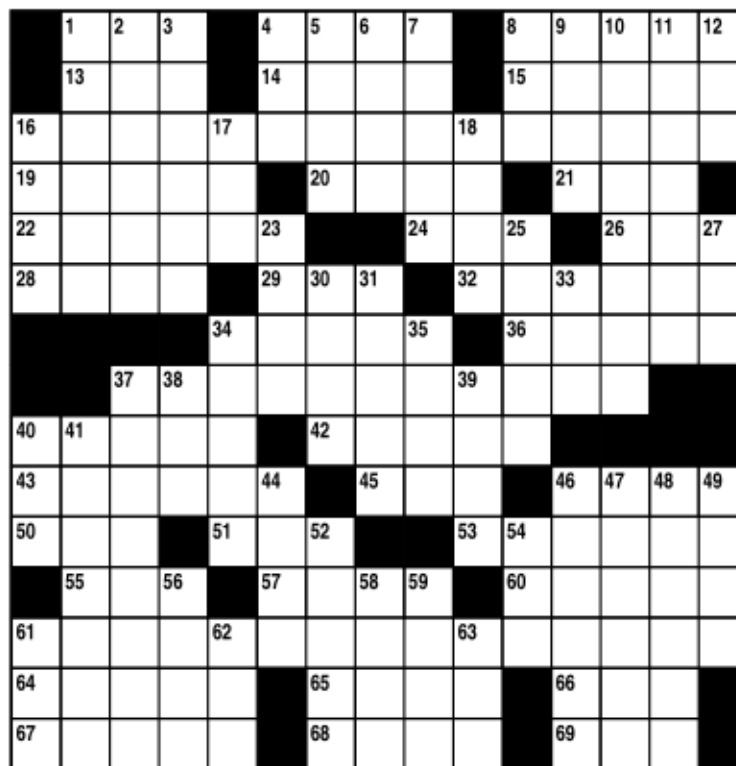
- 45 Polygraph's disclosure
- 46 One of the prophets
- 50 Family van, for short
- 51 Sink, as the sun in the sky
- 53 Hand-picked
- 55 Fraction of a minute, abbr.
- 57 Impressively skilled person
- 60 Cattle catcher
- 61 Fussed over unimportant things
- 64 Alter, as the Constitution
- 65 Act gloomy
- 66 Farm clucker
- 67 Fixated on, as an idea
- 68 "If all ____ fails..."
- 69 Ill, to a modern Roman

DOWN

- 1 Area dense with trees
- 2 Rough, as sandpaper
- 3 Imitates
- 4 Dined on
- 5 Went by car or bus
- 6 Gelatin shaper
- 7 Racer on snow

8 Lincoln's nickname

- 9 Irish male name, equivalent to English John
- 10 Silly celebration accessory
- 11 Potatoes from a Northwest state
- 12 Superlative suffix
- 16 Fabric damage
- 17 Parakeet or poodle
- 18 Was familiar with
- 23 Blueprint detail, for short
- 25 Irrigation trench
- 27 Find a purpose for
- 30 Being punished, as some GIs
- 31 Symbol of lethargy
- 33 Briny body of water
- 34 Helpful clues
- 35 Italian bubbly, for short
- 37 Trembled due to fear
- 38 Big coffee dispenser
- 39 "Great"
- 40 Increases, as a bet
- 41 "I won't let you down"
- 44 Stitched up



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- 46 Land (on)
- 47 More despicable
- 48 Gas station figure
- 49 "Immediately!"
- 52 Gist of a story
- 54 Monarch's reign, perhaps
- 56 Isn't able to
- 58 False deity
- 59 Reheats in a microwave
- 61 Hand tool with teeth
- 62 Oath taker's acknowledgment
- 63 Golf peg

Contest: Create a Crossword Theme

WHAT: All entries must include a puzzle title, theme words and clues for the theme words. Theme words must be symmetrical in length (eg. two 15-letter words and two 10-letter words) and must agree in parts of speech and tense (eg. all plural nouns or all present-tense verbs).

HOW: Submissions should be sent to eappelbaum@hamodia.com or faxed to (718) 853-9103. All themes and theme words must be original and unpublished. No more than three submissions per person. All submitted ideas become property of *Hamodia*, and may be edited for clarity and/or consistency.

PRIZES: Three winners will receive prizes and have their puzzles completed by Mr. Yitzchak Relkin and printed in *Hamodia*. Runners-up may have their puzzles printed as well.

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