

# Leaving the Nest

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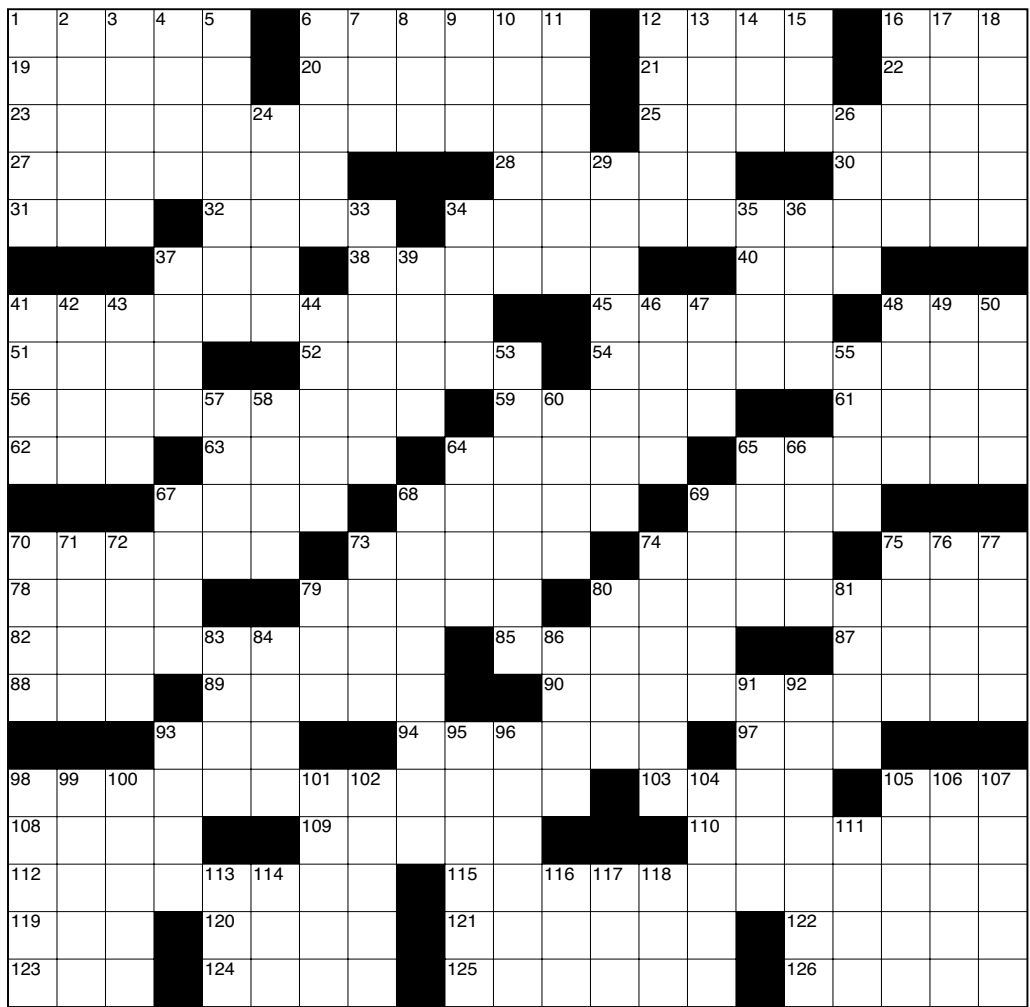
**NOTE:** See if you can find all the missing birds. There were 15 to begin with and now they've all flown the coop.

## ACROSS

- 1 *Home Alone* co-star
- 6 Sentimentality
- 12 Sony co-founder Morita
- 16 Buddy
- 19 “\_\_\_ business!”
- 20 Don bathwear
- 21 Nylon ruiner
- 22 Ms. Merkel
- 23 Early Eastwood effort
- 25 One way to make money
- 27 In any event
- 28 A \_\_\_ the knuckles
- 30 Sailing term
- 31 Nevada’s largest county
- 32 Numbered instruction
- 34 Mythic duo
- 37 Fr. holy one
- 38 He’s seriously sorry
- 40 Type units
- 41 Former anchor
- 45 Atlanta university
- 48 Motor oil abbr.
- 51 Battle song
- 52 End in \_\_\_
- 54 Noisy creek
- 56 *Sunset Blvd.* star
- 59 Makes
- 61 *Quo Vadis* role
- 62 Long time
- 63 Family
- 64 Ski mecca
- 65 Apple variety
- 67 Out-of-control workplaces
- 68 Rationed (out)
- 69 Gather
- 70 Harry Potter creator
- 73 Trait sites
- 74 “Yikes!”
- 75 Catch: slang
- 78 \_\_\_ *Island with You* (1948)
- 79 Perforated
- 80 Jack did it
- 82 Friday’s rescuer
- 85 Nathaniel Hawthorne’s birthplace
- 87 Ms. Lanchester
- 88 Airport abbr.
- 89 Seeker of secrets
- 90 Large, final outlay
- 93 Vacation location: abbr.
- 94 Girders
- 97 Time out
- 98 Cattle drive route, once
- 103 Mr. Sevareid
- 105 Inlaid item
- 108 *Je t’\_\_\_*
- 109 Grable poster
- 110 Yggdrasil, in Norse myth (sorry, I just love that word)
- 112 TV bandleader
- 115 Win, place, or show
- 119 Samson’s end?
- 120 Big lake

## DOWN

- 1 Galileo was one
- 2 Unoccupied
- 3 1960s Bobby
- 4 *Vampire’s Kiss* star
- 5 Impulsively
- 6 “Baby Jane” portrayer
- 7 Small soldier
- 8 Bi + 1
- 9 “\_\_\_ goes it?”
- 10 Movie Merle
- 11 Bagel type
- 12 Mr. Fugard
- 13 Mr. Reeves
- 14 Mr. Fleming
- 15 Author of the short story on which *All About Eve* was based, Mary \_\_\_
- 16 Construct
- 17 Name in Indy lore
- 18 *Psycho* psycho
- 24 Banana oil, e.g.
- 26 Ticket buyers
- 29 Pricey horse
- 33 Inmate’s dream
- 34 Ms. Barrett
- 35 Kosovo citizen



- 121 Make available, as some time
- 122 *It’s A Wonderful Life* cabbie
- 123 Wolfed down
- 124 Makes lace
- 125 Some cars
- 126 Guys
- 36 \_\_\_ nitrite
- 37 Texas symbol
- 39 Divided
- 41 Salary
- 42 Woody’s kid
- 43 Zebra chaser
- 44 Baja abodes
- 46 *Death in Venice* author
- 47 Passé: abbr.
- 48 Snicker \_\_\_ (big knife)
- 49 Introduction to culture
- 50 Poet’s “pitch”
- 53 *Blade* star
- 55 World: abbr.
- 57 Person on posters
- 58 Sleep like \_\_\_
- 60 Simians
- 64 Top-notch
- 65 Goo
- 66 Gin fruit
- 67 Brass element
- 68 Erasure
- 69 Big bite
- 70 Actor Ferrer
- 71 Comb catcher
- 72 Exotic Sally
- 73 Henchman
- 74 Bully’s words
- 75 Liver output
- 76 Org.
- 77 Bug in your ear
- 79 A-frame: abbr.
- 80 Gun sound
- 81 Pot source
- 83 Baby’s woe
- 84 Citrus hybrid
- 86 Blind as \_\_\_
- 91 Ouzo flavoring
- 92 Sailed a big boat
- 93 Slurpee rival
- 95 High cliffs
- 96 Realm
- 98 Ms. Shire
- 99 Country rocker John
- 100 Host
- 101 Divided
- 102 Increases
- 104 Harsh sounds
- 105 Rat race
- 106 Creepy
- 107 Ancient Iranians
- 111 Drive-\_\_\_
- 113 Dripping
- 114 Pitching stat
- 116 Andy’s Shawshank pal
- 117 Coral, e.g.
- 118 Wine cask

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