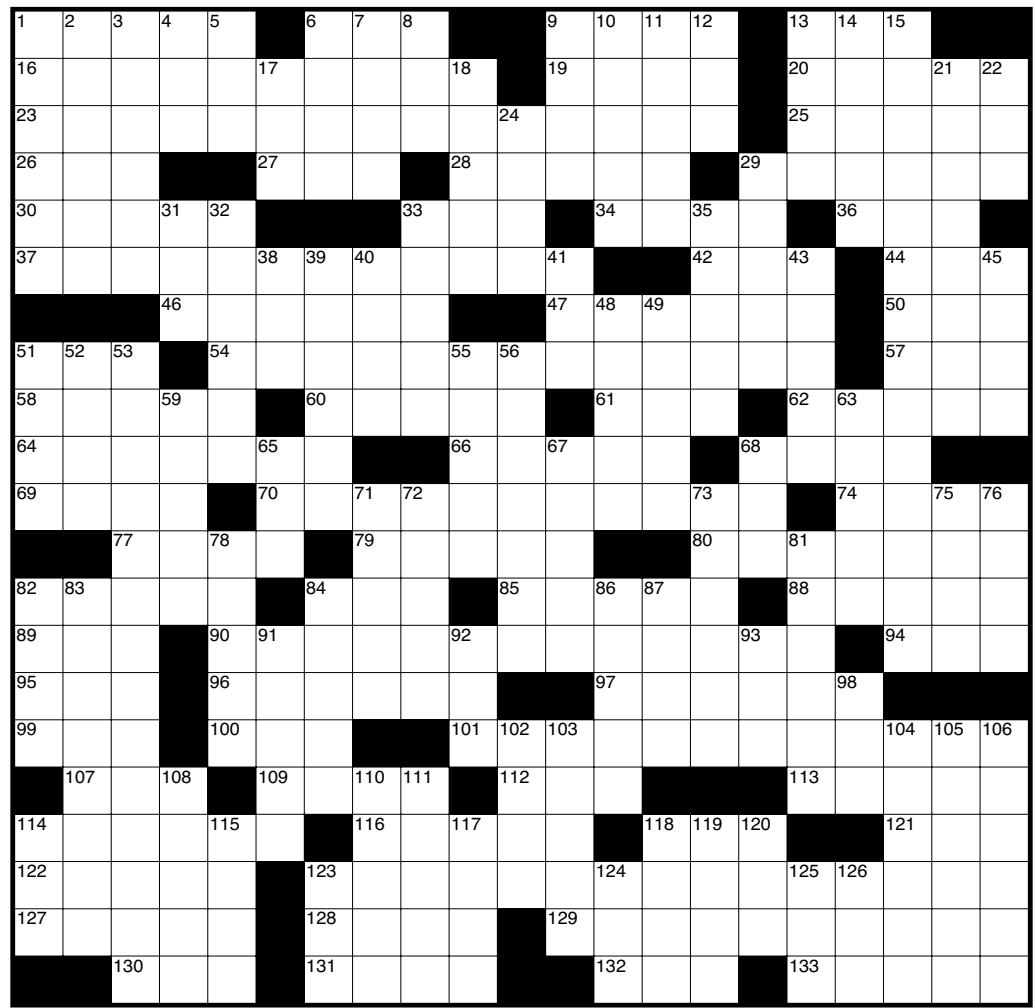


Is That Yet Another Chicken Joke?

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ACROSS

- 1 Famous last words
 6 Entrepreneur's deg.
 9 Jeanne's last name
 13 "___ Slow Boat to China"
 16 Chicks' favorite snack food?
 19 Melville novel
 20 Visit briefly: slang
 23 What chickens always hope Farmer Brown won't do?
 25 Brave souls, to Kipling
 26 Cole Porter was one
 27 High weed?
 28 Iranian language
 29 Real
 30 Window sections
 33 Idolatry, for one
 34 Market
 36 Antlered animal
 37 Hen's favorite *Saturday Night Live* sketch?
 42 ___ distance
 44 Mon. night scores
 46 Hiking
 47 Unanimously
 50 Oldsmobile ancestor
 51 Essen exclamation
 54 Hen's favorite actress?
 57 Missile wobble
 58 South American plain
 60 Former legislator, in headlines
 61 Swiss river
 62 Australian gems
 64 Groggy
 66 Put ___ on (follow)
 68 Utah city
 69 Iron-pumper's pride
 70 What French hens sit on?
 74 Indifferent
 77 Take on
 79 Contribute, as to a 401(k)
 80 Wonderland vehicles, at Disneyland
 82 Lorgnette event
 84 Cinema computer
 85 Aristocrat
 88 Crow's-feet
 89 Plop preceder
 90 Large omelet that's just for show?
 94 Int'l carrier
 95 Home, not bus.
 96 Drum along the Mohawk
 97 Newshounds
 99 Jungle-movie suit
 100 Mustangs' campus: abbr.
 101 Chinese dish that chickens never order?
 107 Rx scribblers
 109 Sibilant "hey you"
 112 Hot tubbers' words
 113 ___ mickey (incapacitate)
 114 "God ___ a cheerful giver" (II Cor. 9:7)
 116 Banana box
 118 Mayberry aunt
 121 Take-home
 122 Filch
 123 Reassurance to an antsy fried-chicken lover?
 127 Last of the Mohicans



- 128 Decorated Bradley
 129 Chicken's favorite Dionne Warwick hit?
 130 Subway relatives
 131 *J'accuse* author
 132 Coll. term
 133 Pencil shadings

DOWN

- 1 Don't fight (it)
 2 Smackeroots
 3 Henhouse raider
 4 DC-10 course
 5 100 Across or 114 Down
 6 It's going around the office
 7 Redness standard
 8 Quick
 9 Get in here?
 10 Stockpile
 11 Noted riveter
 12 Stashable bed
 13 Petro faction
 14 From Mexico City to Monterrey
 15 Chicken feed?
 17 Move like a joey
 18 Oprah in *The Color Purple*
 21 So what, to a chicken?
 22 Designer's initials
 24 *The Fountainhead* author
 29 Wedding setting
 31 Earth Day prefix
 32 FX's ___ Anarchy
 33 Clockmaker Thomas et al.
 35 Truman's birthplace
 38 Artist's deg.
 39 ___ tears (fill with ennui)

- 40 Elaborate fabrication
 41 Violin sec.
 43 Choice words
 45 "... out of a ___ ear"
 48 Mid-broadcast
 49 Spanish statesman and dramatist, López de ___
 51 Crooked, old-style
 52 Board game that's murder
 53 Chick raiser's greeting?
 55 Small and round, as eyes
 56 Beginning the betting
 59 Citadel denial
 63 Joe of *GoodFellas*
 65 The ___ Age
 67 Ex-San Francisco mayor Art
 68 "Full of" suffix
 71 Gallery eyeball-benders
 72 Front for cene or lithic
 73 Every ___ the way
 75 Expel, as lava
 76 Thessaly peak
 78 Inflatable vessels
 81 Hebrew letters
 82 Slices of slime in gumbo
 83 "Quiet, you chicks!"
 84 Kin of compost
 86 Luxuriates
 87 K-P contents
 91 Sex appeal
 92 Letters on a Detroit truck
 93 Parking place
 98 Mercedes model
 102 Solemn promise
 103 Has a Chiclet
 104 Actress Ryder

- 105 "Let me ___ saying ..." (speaker's intro)
 106 TV's Sagal et al.
 108 Flower part
 110 Joe, the jerk
 111 Process for Shapiro
 114 Shreveport campus: abbr.
 115 Hardy heroine
 117 Metropolis near a marble mausoleum
 118 Like a tuna's fin
 119 Old Persian Gulf kingdom (with a matriarchal social system, despite what it spells backward)
 120 *Charlotte's Web* author: inits.
 123 From A ___
 124 Mental yardsticks, familiarly
 125 Reading from the heart?
 126 Cannes Film Festival award, the *Palme* ___

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