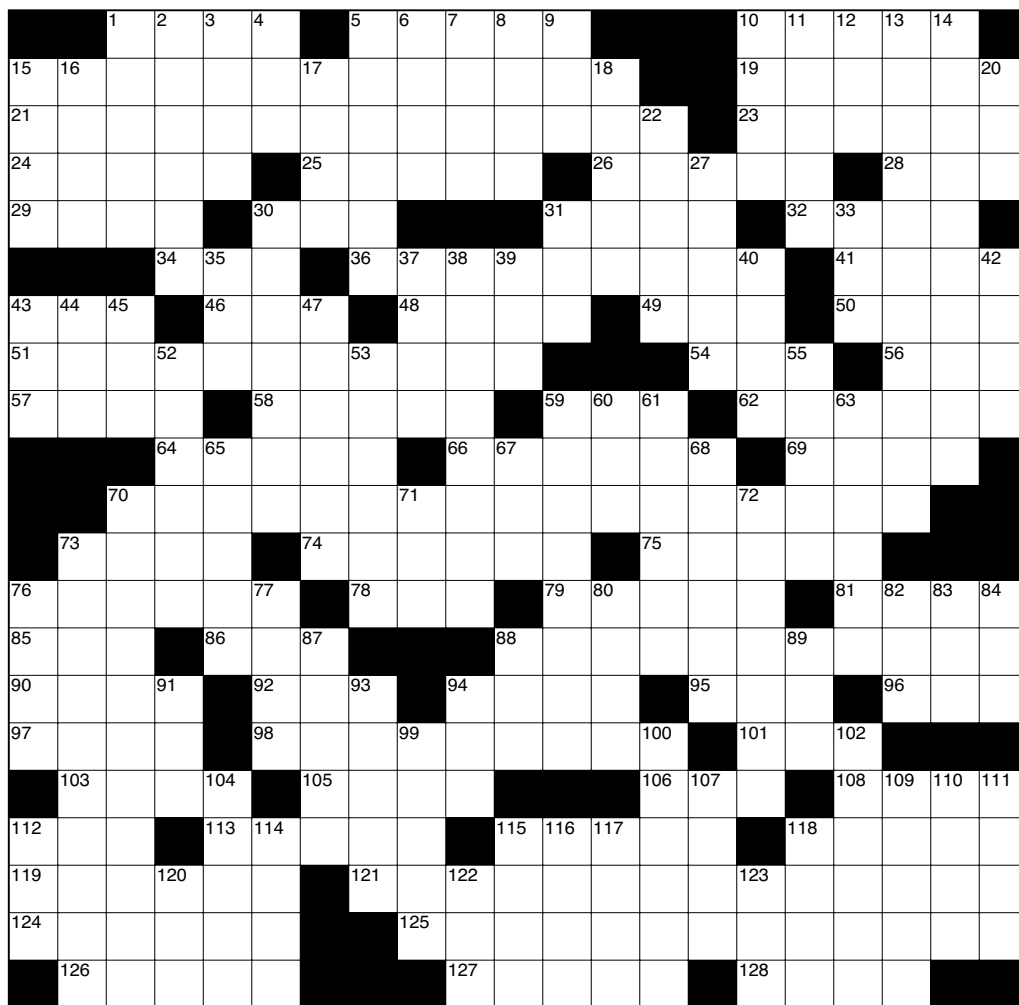


House Cat

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ACROSS

- 1 Sphere starter
5 Debunks?
10 "Amo, amas, I love ____"
15 House cat's favorite violinist?
19 "Back ____?"
21 What the house cat uses on Chelsea?
23 House coat?
24 Michael Tucker in *Diner*
25 Adding insult to injury
26 *Tías*, to Tom
28 It starts at g1, on a chessboard
29 Toe the line
30 Nicosia's isl.
31 Newsroom unit
32 Mbr. of "OAS"
34 Losing line of a game
36 Something the house cat practices?
41 Word with rest or restricted
43 Sandy says it
46 Chicago trains
48 Memento ____
49 Fission commission, once: abbr.
50 Escapee emerges.
51 House cat's favorite music maker?
54 It retains water
56 Nth: abbr.
57 Peru people, once
58 Dislodge, as from the sack
59 Hotbed of heavy breathing
62 Third largest island
64 Compound microscope inventor Robert
66 Intending
69 Receipt, in Rouen
70 House cat's favorite expression? (coined by one of his movie-star buddies)
73 Prefix in acoustics
74 Sphere starter
75 *A Fistful of Dollars* director
76 Boys in the 'hood, e.g.
78 Fool
79 Lock of hair
81 "Unhappily ..."
85 Diminutive ending, as for "hill"
86 Like Steinbeck's Lenny
88 House cat's favorite mythical beast?
90 Some semi stops: abbr.
92 Coiling killer
94 Ocean liner, familiarly
95 Milk-truck puller
96 Up to this point
97 Dickensian exclamations, or a homophone of a Dickensian pseudonym
98 How the house cat finds mouse burgers?
101 Wt. losses
103 Chrysler product
105 Rich soil
106 Have to cough up
108 Stick in the mud?
112 Organ with a drum
113 In two places at once?
115 Rigg who hosted *Mystery!* 1989-2003
118 Frequenter of Café Nervosa, on TV
119 Zaire neighbor
121 House cat's favorite trading place?



- 124 Show up and tell
125 House cat's second favorite president?
126 Actor Lew
127 "The ____ falling!"
128 Upbeat

DOWN

- 1 ____ of the times
2 Holy city?
3 Middle of the 15th century
4 Go-aheads
5 Summaries or some tires
6 Rankles
7 TV programming vacancy
8 *David Copperfield* girl
9 ____ Tomé and Principe
10 Helping hand: abbr.
11 "____ luck!"
12 Tempe sch.
13 House cat's parting gift to Millie?
14 House cat's reaction to French fries?
15 Silo occupant, briefly
16 Dweller along the 118 Down
17 Economy-size equine
18 Mystery writer Marsh
20 Wayne's word
22 "Distasteful" desert plant?
27 Like a jaybird?
30 Scorsese's *The ____ Money*
31 Greek letter
33 Lamb's commentary
35 Kisses, in love letters
37 Andy's pal
38 Murphy Brown colleague Frank and others
39 Before, once
40 Picketer's bane
42 Concerning
43 "____ see it ..."
44 Actor and crossword fan Ely
45 Org. of "seven dirty words" fame
47 Bike-wheel features
52 Chief, in Hawaiian
53 Former Mexican political leader Adolfo de la ____
55 Erin of *Happy Days*
59 Milk shake kin
60 H'wood release
61 Sometimes twisted joints
63 Zip a Ziploc
65 In the past
67 Believer's ending
68 Continues
70 House cat's electric treatment?
71 Apr. addressee
72 How replicas are built
73 House cat's favorite native American?
76 Bausch's buddy
77 Abby and Ann, e.g.
80 Hold your horses
82 Nora Charles portrayer
83 Jessica Lange's biggest co-star
84 Flight from D.C.
87 "Lettuce"
88 A. Bell ringer
89 Top cops, Soviet-style
91 Compass pt.
93 Tree nut
94 Iran city
99 "K-K-K" girl and Jurado
100 Powdered inks
102 Mavericks
104 San Diego player
107 Like some floss
109 In a pallid manner
110 Otto Preminger's producer brother (*M*A*S*H*, etc.)
111 Will of *The Waltons*
112 Make a boo-boo
114 Buttram and butter
115 Berth place
116 Like raw eggs, to kids
117 Japan electronics giant
118 Bangkok's river, ____ Phraya
120 Hide/hair insert
122 "____ your old man!"
123 Atlanta's CDC, e.g.

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