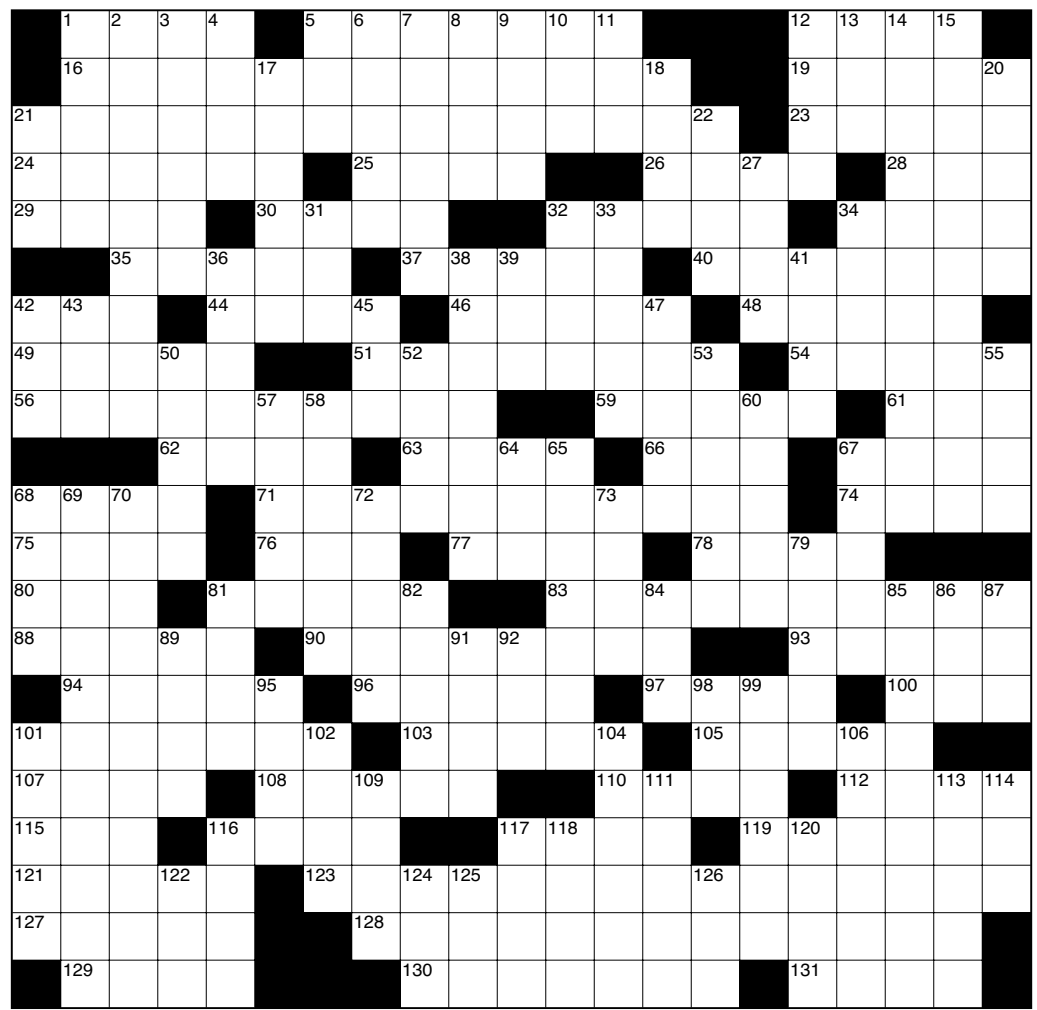


My Mind is Racing!

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ACROSS

- 1 Razor by Gillette
5 Little Gilbert on the prairie
12 Mil. outfit for Drew Carey
16 Abundance of racing victories?
19 Minister of "positive thinking" fame
21 Compulsion to race?
23 Fiber from old ropes
24 Strip
25 Tallow source
26 Hairpin or U
28 Latin shortening
29 Salinger girl
30 Beverly Hillbilly Max Jr.
32 Spacious
34 Verb ending
35 The British and the Greek, e.g.
37 Villain's visage, maybe
40 Old game show, ____ *Clock*
42 All-news network
44 Chase out of Hollywood
46 Not yet anted
48 Like some cheddar
49 Flail one's fists
51 Gets a flat?
54 ____ of *Two Cities*
56 Key to success, in racing?
59 Supercilious sorts
61 Cornfield sound
62 Comic section, formerly
63 Joist or lintel
66 *Soleil* time
67 Terrier type
68 Start of the 8th century
71 Racer Al or Bobby went by?
74 Nation that found breaking up hard to do: abbr.
75 Hot rod org.
76 I, in Innsbruck
77 Tokyo, before
78 Bank offer
80 ____ *culpa*
81 ____ in the arm
83 Racing anticlimax?
88 Sex, Italian-style
90 How racing judges might argue?
93 Birdbrained talker
94 River through the Alps
96 Utters
97 Pineapple producer
100 Racing abbr.
101 Poet friend of Sappho (anagram of AS A CLUE)
103 Ottoman VIP
105 Little actor Billy
107 "To ____ not to ..."
108 ____ fizz (cocktail)
110 Most important
112 On the debit side
115 *H-deux-O*
116 Subject of Morita's *Made in Japan*
117 No-way-out situation
119 Clark's love
121 ____ in the bucket
123 Speedway feature?
127 Coil guy



- 128 First-place finisher's expression?
129 Burgundies
130 "____ and say we did"
131 Tips

DOWN

- 1 Lower forty, e.g.
2 Postprandial sweets
3 Bob Hope specials, e.g.
4 See 84 Down
5 A Little Woman
6 Obliterate
7 Madagascar primates
8 "____ delighted!"
9 Type of ball, curl, or fire
10 Convened
11 "Just ____ thought!"
12 Second word in a fairy tale
13 The Black, Red, or Yellow
14 Builds speedways?
15 Gear-shifting stratagems?
17 *Vanished* author Fletcher
18 Dog that exposed the Wizard
20 Host
21 Cold War pres.
22 Novocained
27 Yeasty-sounding breads
31 One way to learn
32 Bull Run victors
33 Cookies in ice cream
34 Coup d' ____
36 Oft-numbered print, briefly
38 Bawlroom?
39 Double-bond suffix
41 Brainstorming shouts
42 Tai ____
43 Little louse
45 Member of a Philippine tribe
47 Melodies
50 Heart parts
52 The Beatles' "Let ____"
53 "And lived ____ about it"
55 Kool-Aid container
57 Sewing cases
58 Chihuahua coat?
60 Lie on a ____ nails
64 Monkey's uncle
65 Headlong scramble
67 Classic Bobby Hebb tune
68 Fades
69 Root for the frontrunner?
70 Treacherous speedway?
72 Straight-arm
73 Vichyssoise, e.g.
79 Pointer
81 Mint, as condition
82 Allegro, e.g.
84 '60s drug
85 Eddy Arnold's "What's He Doing ____"
86 Enervate
87 LBJ VP
89 Hang-glide
91 Long, narrow inlets
92 Columbo, Tragg, et al.
95 Bill used at Disneyland
Paris
98 Kobe robe tie
99 Jousting weapons
101 Pound ____ (patrol on foot)
102 Warbled
104 "____ my position can't afford to take chances"
106 On the road ____
109 Breckinridge or Hess
111 Part of a renter's address: abbr.
113 Mischief makers
114 Darin's darling
116 Curative springs
117 Mrs. Dumbo's dress?
118 Ex-pres. and son
120 Pinnacle
122 Clichéd
124 Tool common in *Concentration* rebuses
125 Rock 'n' roll will never do it, says Neil Young
126 One of two dimensions: abbr.

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