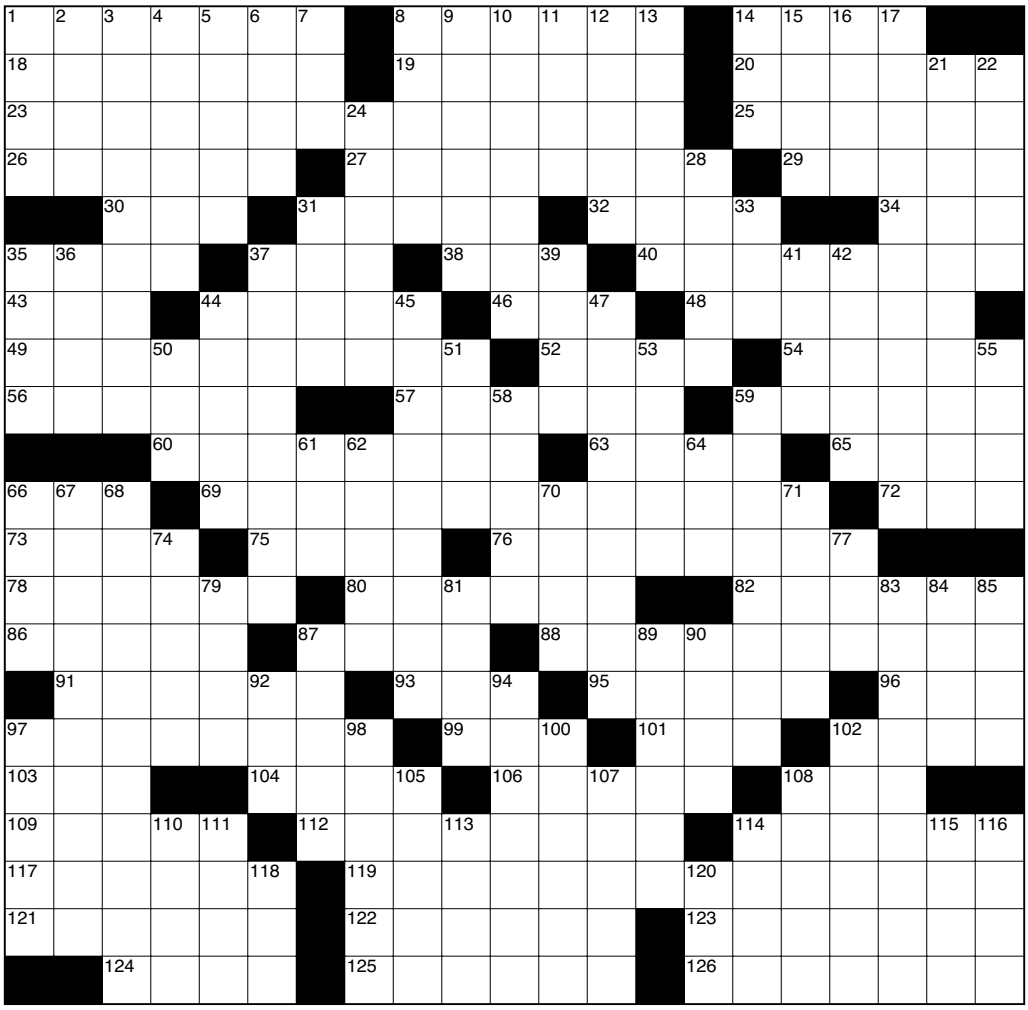
Baby Talk

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1 1971 John Wayne film
8 C to C, e.g.
14 One of Donald's nephews
18 Waker-upper
19 Hen hunter
20 In ___ (doing poorly)
23 Dawdle
25 Render?
26 East or West follower
27 Do some illegal fixing
29 Irish county, city, or bay
30 ___ crow
31 Donut-shaped
32 Composer Schifrin
34 "Hot air"
35 Either Holbein
37 Mountain guide?
38 Beale and Bourbon, for example
40 "Over, please"
43 "May ___ of service?"
44 Great seats
46 Communiqué from Gilligan
48 City just E of Oakland
49 Jokesmiths
52 Father of the Reo Royale
54 "What's in ___?"
56 Bible book
57 Mendelssohn's Concerto in ___, Opus 64
59 Alley pickups?
60 Picture
63 Popular diet bread
65 Hand protector
66 Clumsy carpenter's cries
69 Bettor's raison d'être
72 Born
73 Jardinieres
75 Adding place
76 Potent Yule parties
78 Removable locks?
80 Secret
82 Observers
86 The heat of the moment
87 Last name of first female US attorney general
88 Work as a judge
91 Worthless mineral matter
93 Lethal weapon
95 Arledge of TV lore
96 Old Tokyo
97 Huggable toys
99 Family girl
101 Music notes
102 Nose-in-the-air type
103 Rita Hayworth daughter, Yasmin ___ Khan
104 Notorious Columbia Pictures mogul Harry
106 In the least
108 Mornings
109 Puppeteer Bil
112 Reacts to solving this puzzle?
114 Eagle, to Caesar
117 Like computer math
119 Certain veggie-lover's pride
121 Behind bars
122 Turkish mountain
123 Klatsch
124 Hoofers' clickers
125 Write down symbols
126 Skirt needs, in Hawaii

DOWN

1 Vacation isle
2 One of the Ages
3 Opulent ovoid
4 Child's namesakes
5 So far
6 Containers at a gaudeamus
7 Fab rival, ___ Plus
8 Short ___ (winded)
9 Welsh dogs
10 Play length, sometimes
11 Chug-___
12 Corrupt
13 *The Crash of '79* author
14 Toque, for one
15 Applications
16 Israeli airline
17 He stunned the world on April 12, 1961
21 Larger of two reproductive cells
22 Wolfe's forte
24 Feels blindly
28 Silver and gold, but not bronze: abbr.
31 Part of an airport lineup?
33 Tic-tac-toe line
35 Noon adjective
36 Rhyme scheme
37 Inspire
39 In a sec
41 Sucker deal
42 Defunct flyer
44 Arctic goose
45 Tavern tune
47 ___ in January
50 The Jazz, for one
51 Shadow over L.A.
53 Minute measures
55 Ferrara family
58 ___ of (amazed by)
59 Indians of SW California
61 Mamie's guy
62 Starting from
64 Entrepreneur's govt. friend
66 Go ___ winner
67 "That's still not it!"
68 Close ... very close
70 Outfit
71 Funeral oration, old-style
74 Turn income into outgo
77 RMN's VP
79 Conclusion start
81 Part of RSVP
83 Fairness factor, in sports
84 Try again
85 Oscar Madison, e.g.
87 Record anew
89 "Result" of a penalty-free football play
90 Hockey score
92 Using capitals and small letters, in editing shorthand
94 Falls in two countries
97 Shul teacher
98 Land-based radar
100 Take a ___ (try)
102 The blue crew
105 Type of toxin
107 Playing marble
108 Red Sea gulf
110 Pro ___
111 Annoyingly dull sort
113 Record book datum
114 Petri dish layer
115 ___-majesté
116 Underground army
118 Milestones, e.g.: abbr.
120 Overall: abbr.

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