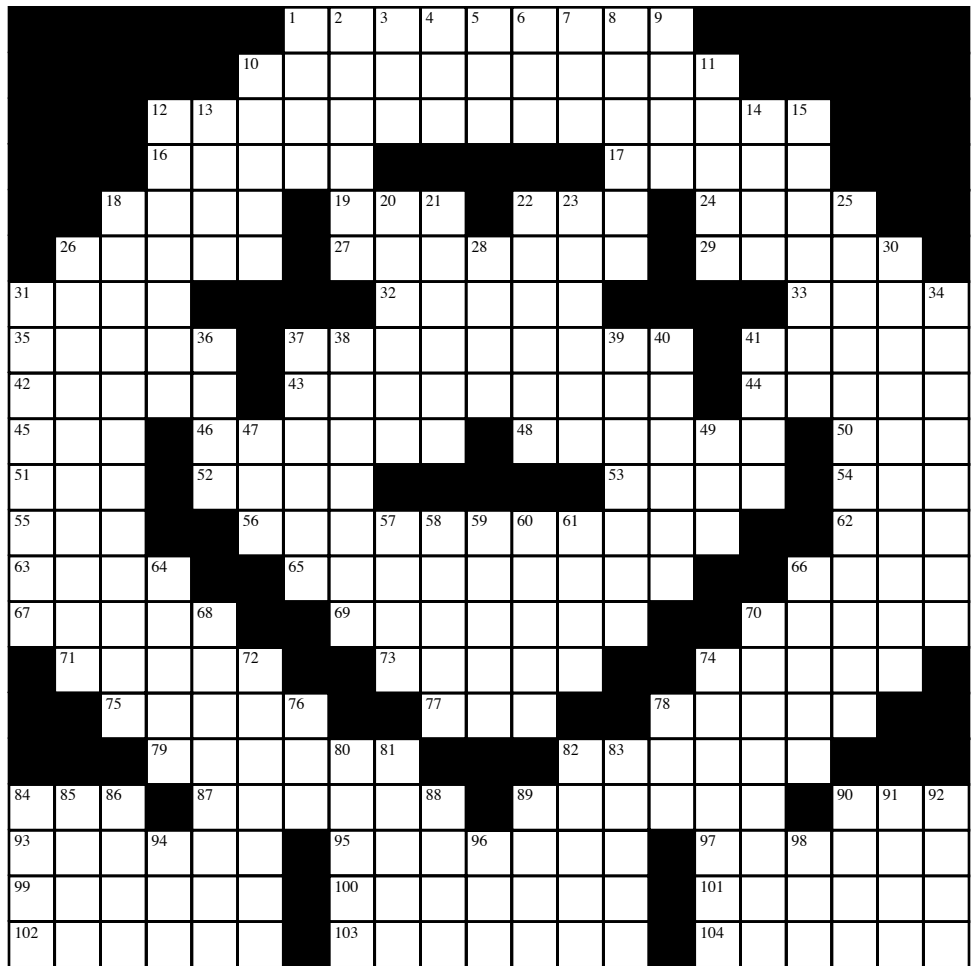


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ACROSS

- 1 Blockbusters
 10 Si and Am in "Lady and the Tramp"
 12 This puzzle's honoree
 16 Draw again, as comic book lines
 17 Last Supper question
 18 Genesis firstborn
 19 Masked one at home
 22 Amt. due
 24 And the list goes on, briefly
 26 Hobbits' region
 27 Strip where 12–Across first didn't appear in 1959
 29 Loaf
 31 Chestnut horse
 32 PGA golfer Johnson
 33 Hydrocarbon suffixes
 35 The king: Span.
 37 Tropical roofers
 41 Puppy love
 42 Elusive guy in a striped shirt
 43 When 25–Down expects 12–Across to appear
 44 Italian Renaissance poet
 45 "Exodus" hero
 46 Eensy—
 48 Summer Triangle star
 50 Sign made with two digits
 51 Droll-sounding grain?
 52 Verb from Mark Antony
 53 Octopus costume features
 54 Every bit
 55 Party girl?
 56 Characteristic 18–Down cry regarding 12–Across
 62 Mets' div.
 63 Noun from Mark Antony
 65 Some Protestants
 66 Scholastic nos.
 67 Let fall, poetically
 69 Opposes
 70 Waste allowances
 71 Darkly complexioned, to Shakespeare
 73 Himalayan sightings
 74 Picturesque fabric
 75 Former name of Lake Malawi
 77 D.C. bigwig
 78 Vampire's home, perhaps
 79 12–Across creator
 82 Dog once mistaken for 12–Across
 84 Put—: pranks
 87 Show contempt for, as a villain
 89 11-time Olympic swimming medalist Matt
 90 Scannable mdse. bars
 93 Closer
 95 Reagan or Kennedy
 97 Cupid teammate
 99 Larynx locale
 100 Board member
 101 Ultimate purpose
 102 25–Down maintained them annually
 103 Does a slow burn
 104 12–Across tested 25–Down's faith by being one, inevitably, every year



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- 2 Add a profit margin to
 3 ___ Zion Church
 4 Aegean, for one
 5 DDE's predecessor
 6 Cool, like a cat
 7 Post-ER area
 8 Ethnic group of southern India
 9 Some auto maintenance store products
 10 Paris divider
 11 Enjoyed a cross-country jaunt?
 12 Showed the ropes
 13 Legatee
 14 "Sock ___ me!"
 15 River between two Great Lakes
 18 Friend of 25–Down
 20 Alloy components
 21 To some extent
 22 Nonsense, euphemistically
 23 Close behind
 25 Faithful crusader for the existence of 12–Across
 26 Periods between vernal equinoxes
 28 Wilhelmina's daughter in "Ugly Betty"
 30 Form into a mosaic pattern
 31 Gave a treat for a trick, say
 34 Barefoot
 36 Pained cry
 37 Stanley Cup org.

- 38 Colt .45, e.g.
 39 Engages, as an attorney
 40 Some drum parts
 41 NFL snappers
 47 Fair-hiring initials
 49 Worldwide fiscal agcy.
 57 Our Gang affirmative
 58 "You bet!"
 59 Villa ___: Italian landmark
 60 Speck of truth
 61 Ocean-bottom fish
 64 Prevents littering?
 66 Whiny
 68 Of the windpipe
 70 Instrument seen in 27–Across
 72 Summer tops
 74 Walked-on
 76 Smallest cont. in area
 78 Not supporting
 80 Hurdles for future attys.
 81 Congo, once
 82 Yes or no emphasize
 83 F and G, but not H
 84 Being shown, in a way
 85 Classic grape soda
 86 Puppeteer Tony who mentored Bil Baird
 88 50–50 test answer
 89 The pair
 90 "Nope"
 91 Colombian coin

- 92 Yacht staff
 94 Palais resident
 96 Idaho Panhandle hrs.
 98 Radical '60s gp.

DOWN

- 1 Coach's gesturing