

**PUZZLIN'**

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- ACROSS**
- 1 What can fall off a shelf
  - 8 Host of MSNBC's "PoliticsNation" beginning in 2011
  - 16 Be profane
  - 20 Something never seen at night
  - 21 Beckoning words
  - 22 For \_\_\_ amount of time
  - 23 Nobody but the guy gettin' married on his feet?
  - 25 Put up with
  - 26 Captures
  - 27 House vote
  - 28 Gettysburg general George
  - 29 Like screwball comedies
  - 33 Pig food
  - 34 Gish \_\_\_, novelist of "The Resisters" and "Typical American"
  - 35 Sickly-looking
  - 36 Olympic equipment weighing less than 770 grams each
  - 38 Winter item you'll be wearin' for years?
  - 42 Statistic tracked at census
  - 44 "Mixed Marriage" playwright St. John Greer \_\_\_
  - 45 Reduced in rank
  - 46 Receiver of an all-points bulletin
- DOWN**
- 1 Online exchange, in brief
  - 2 Animal feared by an ailurophobe
  - 3 "What's your \_\_\_?" (question to a guest en route)
  - 4 Recycling container
  - 5 Michael who wrote "The Neverending Story"
  - 6 Restricts, with "in"
  - 7 Washing machine setting
  - 8 Windshield clearer
  - 9 Certain earring
  - 10 Singer Tori
  - 11 "What's the Frequency, Kenneth?" band
  - 12 Call of the wild?
- ACROSS**
- 48 Longtime Yankees first baseman Mark
  - 50 Simile's center
  - 51 Row
  - 52 God who becomes a goddess when an "r" is removed
  - 53 Spam sender
  - 54 James of "The Godfather"
  - 58 Danger when walkin' in a silo?
  - 61 One who delivers
  - 62 Mansfield of old Hollywood
  - 63 "Er, uh, that is ..."
  - 64 Dada pioneer
  - 65 \_\_\_ Paulo
  - 66 Rock singers?
  - 67 Hedge fund titan nicknamed "The Palindrome"
  - 68 "Sorry, am \_\_\_ your way?"
  - 69 Drivin' around the lot with pop-pop?
  - 71 Overhead expenses?
  - 72 Private Twitter transmissions, for short
  - 73 "Absofruitalicious" cereal, in ads
  - 74 Sponge alternative
  - 75 Slangy possessive
  - 76 What a pro bono lawyer provides
  - 78 Very observant person
  - 80 Shoulder blade
  - 84 Pickup truck capacity, maybe
  - 86 Detects
  - 87 Sayin' "Look, here's the thing about dry land ..."?
- DOWN**
- 90 To-dos
  - 91 Batting ninth
  - 92 The Children's Defense Fund, e.g., in brief
  - 93 Medical breakthrough
  - 95 "Ish"
  - 96 Boiling mad
  - 97 West Bank grp.
  - 98 Realize
  - 101 Kind
  - 102 What was causin' the doctor to check for joint pain?
  - 108 Very consequential
  - 109 The North Pole vis-à-vis the South Pole, e.g.
  - 110 Go as low as
  - 111 French/Belgian river
  - 112 Apollo and others
  - 113 "Understood"
- ACROSS**
- 13 One trading dollars for quarters
  - 14 Paris suburb
  - 15 French marshal in the Napoleonic Wars
  - 16 Camila with the 2018 No. 1 hit "Havana"
  - 17 Employ with regularity
  - 18 Bird also known as a little auk
  - 19 Scattered (about)
  - 24 Blue Muppet with a pink nose
  - 28 Obsidian, once
  - 29 Aquarium creature with black-and-white stripes
  - 30 Capital in the South Pacific
  - 31 Teasing words when someone starts listing the digits of pi, say
  - 32 Mythical creature seen on old Bhutanese stamps
  - 34 Rock's Joplin
  - 35 Hägar the Horrible's dog
  - 37 Sure winners
  - 39 Cross-country camping expedition, maybe
  - 40 Treat as a bed
  - 41 Hit the nail on the head, e.g.
  - 43 Meager
  - 47 Pope Francis' homeland: Abbr.
  - 49 Modern library borrowing
  - 52 Bring in
  - 54 Longtime media columnist David
  - 55 Mate's reply

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- 56 Basketball Hall-of-Famer who was the first woman to sign an N.B.A. contract
- 57 Single-serving coffee brand
- 59 Landlocked Asian country
- 60 \_\_\_ Gorbachev, former first lady of the Soviet Union
- 61 His tombstone reads "Workers of all lands unite"
- 62 Moves like Jell-O
- 65 Told
- 66 Hiccups
- 68 Coming-out announcement
- 69 Buttinsky
- 70 Certain nest egg, for short
- 72 Blue-and-white earthenware pottery
- 73 Dramatic ballroom dance
- 76 Two-time Best Actress winner Rainer
- 77 Eva of "Desperate Housewives"
- 78 Ho-hum feelings
- 79 Opposite of exo-
- 80 Soft and wet
- 81 \_\_\_ oxide (red compound)
- 82 Egg-carton spec
- 83 Special dinner order
- 85 Boo-boos
- 88 Home past curfew
- 89 Like the Met Gala
- 94 Online notice for a party
- 97 Phnom \_\_\_, Cambodia
- 98 "\_\_\_ to tyrants, and my country's friend" (words of Cato in "Julius Caesar")
- 99 Naval officer: Abbr.
- 100 Grandson of Eve
- 102 Budgetary excess
- 103 Make a decision
- 104 "There but for the grace of God \_\_\_"
- 105 Intel missions
- 106 Western native
- 107 About one inch of a foot

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