

ACROSS

- 1) Speck
- 5) Legal prefix
- 9) Middle ear part
- 14) Celebrity couple, slangily
- 15) Over yonder
- 16) Sierra ____
- 17) Removing paint layers
- 19) Joustler's jabber
- 20) Exact opposites
- 22) Bygone autocrat
- 23) Carry a balance
- 24) Snack eater
- 26) Summaries
- 30) Ticklish person's shout
- 31) Apr. busybody
- 33) Redress a wrong
- 34) Express one's view
- 35) Increase motor speed, briefly
- 36) Of musical quality
- 37) A scam and this puzzle's theme
- 38) Make happy
- 40) ____ and outs
- 41) Singer Lenya
- 43) Get in the way of
- 44) 10 of calendars, briefly
- 45) Some fraternity letters
- 46) War horses
- 47) Offshore sight
- 49) Cause of inflation?
- 50) A chorus line
- 51) Reduced in size
- 57) Cheek makeup
- 59) Eyeglasses feature
- 60) Fast finisher?
- 61) Prayer's end
- 62) Container weight
- 63) Vera Wang creation
- 64) Grasslands
- 65) Flightless flock

DOWN

- 1) Catchall category (Abbr.)
- 2) Gridiron great Graham
- 3) Beach bird
- 4) Send out
- 5) Trees with purplish flowers
- 6) Going up in smoke
- 7) Princess of India
- 8) Buenos Aires resident
- 9) Sick
- 10) Poet's "below"
- 11) Sanctify
- 12) Like hardwood floors
- 13) Merlin, e.g.
- 18) Boat mover
- 21) "Any day now ..."
- 25) Concern for one in the fast lane?
- 26) 7:1, e.g.
- 27) Feature of some jackets
- 28) Make up
- 29) Santa ____, Calif.
- 30) Cheetah characteristics
- 32) Declares to be true
- 34) Like stop signs
- 39) Wrangler rival
- 42) Auditory
- 46) Ambulance attachments
- 48) Suffers defeats
- 49) Baffled
- 50) Still snoring
- 52) Iditarod's finish line
- 53) Single out for praise
- 54) Athletic unit
- 55) Brownish shade
- 56) Bad marks
- 58) Parts of a day (Abbr.)

THUMBS DOWN

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14	I	15	T	16	E	17	M		18	A	19	F	20	A	21	R		22	L	23	E	24	O	25	N	26	E		
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26	R	27	E	28	C	29	A	30	P	31	S		32	S	33	T	34	O	35	P		36	C	37	P	38	A	39	
33	A	34	T	35	O	36	N	37	E		38	O	39	P	40	I	41	N	42	E		43	R	44	E	45	V	46	
36	T	37	O	38	N	39	A	40	L		41	C	42	O	43	N		44	E	45	46	L	47	A	48	T	49	E	
40	I	41	N	42	S		43	L	44	O	45	T	46	T	47	E		48	49	50	D	51	E	52	T	53	E	54	R
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50	A	51	L	52	T	53	O		54	C	55	O	56	N	57	T	58	R	59	A	60	C	61	T	62	E	63	D	64
57	B	58	L	59	U	60	S		61	N	62	O	63	S	64	E	65	P	66	I	67	E	68	C	69	E	70	71	72
60	E	61	A	62	T	63	E		64	A	65	M	66	E	67	N		68	69	70	71	72	T	73	A	74	R	75	E
63	D	64	R	65	E	66	S		67	L	68	E	69	A	70	S		71	72	73	74	75	E	76	M	77	78	79	80