

DIVERSIONS

What's a seven-letter word for fun challenges? Puzzles!
Gather with your family and friends to solve these brain teasers from Fraser Simpson,
creator of The Globe and Mail's Saturday cryptic crossword

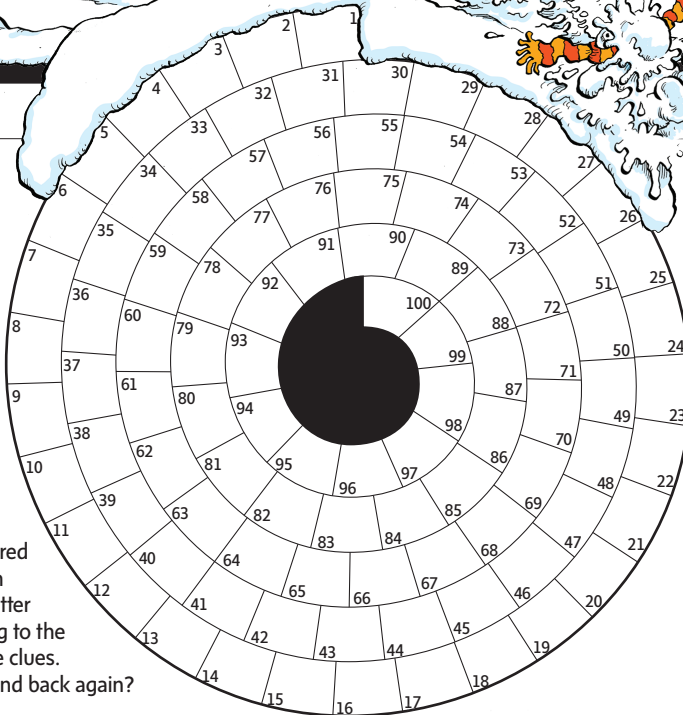


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WORD PLAY

SPIRAL

You'll need to think in two directions to solve this puzzle. The Inward clues yield a sequence of words to be entered counterclockwise in the spaces from 1 to 100. The Outward clues yield a different set of words to be entered from 100 to 1. Fill in the answers, one letter per space, according to the numbers beside the clues. Can you get there and back again?



INWARD

- 1-10** Assist in a crime (3 wds.)
- 11-18** Jonathan Swift, for one
- 19-22** Vexes
- 23-28** Egypt's Lake _____
- 29-32** Walking stick
- 33-41** Designed for comfort
- 42-49** Isolated
- 50-55** Like cows, to Hindus
- 56-61** Make wrinkly
- 62-68** Flattering and sweet, as words
- 69-73** Bert's pal
- 74-80** Submarine weapon
- 81-87** Tropical disease
- 88-95** Something solved by Jessica Fletcher
- 96-100** Be worthy of

OUTWARD

- 100-97** Grow weary
- 96-91** Florentine family name
- 90-85** Angora fabric
- 84-78** With ice cream (3 wds.)
- 77-71** Dietary need
- 70-65** Overnight flight
- 64-59** Useless (2 wds.)
- 58-49** Something solved by Jessica Fletcher (2 wds.)
- 48-45** Scarlett's estate
- 44-40** Joe of *My Cousin Vinny*
- 39-36** One-track
- 35-26** 1960s sitcom with Eva Gabor (2 wds.)
- 25-18** Classical language of India
- 17-14** Phone voice
- 13-6** Be unpalatable (2 wds.)
- 5-1** Gymnast Comaneci

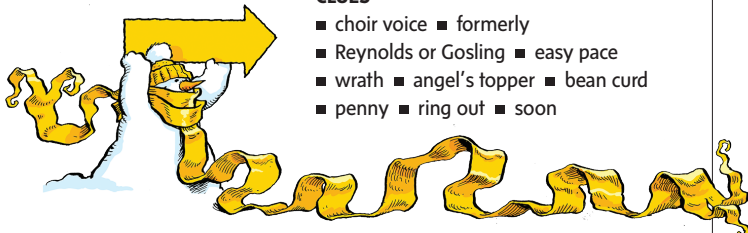
RIBBON

The answers to the clues are all four-letter words, listed in no particular order. Fill the ribbon with the words overlapping by two letters, like ACHY and HYMN in the example. We've supplied the first and last letters of the ribbon. Can you piece the words together?



CLUES

- choir voice ■ formerly
- Reynolds or Gosling ■ easy pace
- wrath ■ angel's topper ■ bean curd
- penny ■ ring out ■ soon



DAISY CHAIN

Add a letter to the first set of letters below and form a common word by anagramming the six given letters plus the one you added. Enter the word in the squares to the right. For each succeeding row, add the last letter of the previous word you wrote to the new set of letters before anagramming. The last letter of your fifth word should be the letter you added to the first word. Only wordplay experts will complete this daisy chain of anagrams!

1	D	N	N	S	U	U								
2	A	E	K	R	S	T								
3	E	E	L	S	W	Y								
4	B	C	C	E	I	L								
5	I	M	N	O	P	T								



CATCHING A CODE

We've taken five common six-letter words, listed in alphabetical order, and disguised them using a random substitution cipher. We'll tell you that X stands for C, and D stands for K. Can you determine the words?

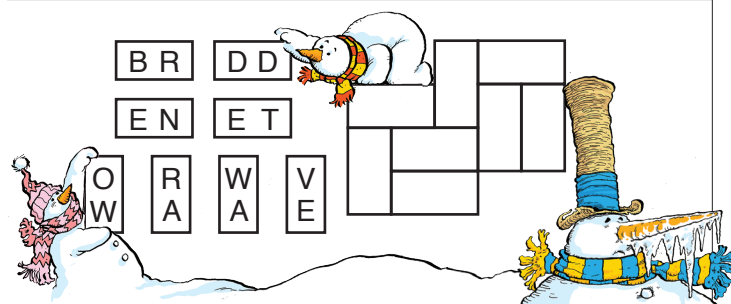
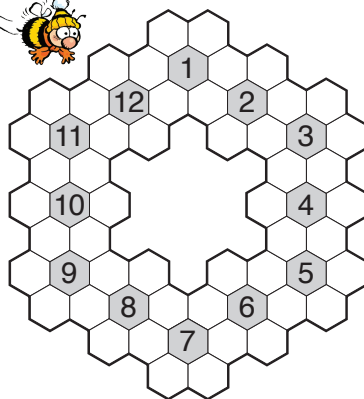
____ F G Z Q M W
 ____ N X Q M Y Z
 ____ J G F Z Y V
 ____ W Y X D N O
 ____ V D N O X J

WREATH

The answers to the clues are all six letters long. Enter each answer clockwise around its corresponding number in the grid. The starting cell for each answer is for you to determine. When the puzzle is complete, read the 18 letters projecting from the outer edge in a clockwise direction from the top to spell out the name of a classic toy.

CLUES

- From one side to the other
- Loving touch
- Male mallards
- Grinned
- Elvis Costello ballad
- Greek islander
- More eager
- Jarhead of the U.S. military
- Speakers' platforms
- Sheep cries
- Elvis Presley's birthplace
- University grounds



WORD JIGSAW

Fit the pieces into the frame to form common, uncapitalized words reading across and down crossword-style. There's no need to rotate the pieces: they'll fit as shown, with each piece used exactly once.

PUZZLE 1

P R I S M
 G H O U L
 B O A S T

PUZZLE 2

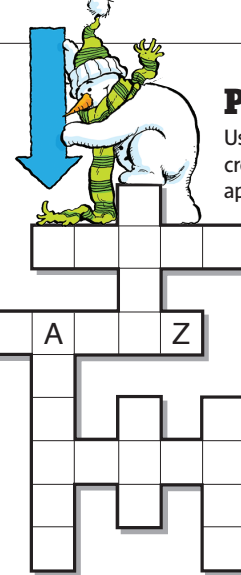
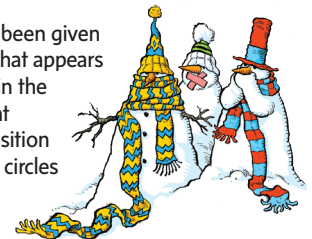
O M E N S
 R A K E S
 S U I T E

PUZZLE 3

G U A R D
 I D E A L
 S K I E R

WORDLESS

In each of the three puzzles below, you've been given three guesses at a secret word. Any letter that appears in the secret word in the same position as in the guess has a square around it. Any letter that appears in the secret word in a different position than in the guess is circled. Letters without circles or squares are not in the secret word. Can you determine all three secret words?



PANGRAM CRISS-CROSS

Use the randomly listed clues to fill in this small crossword puzzle. Each letter of the alphabet will appear exactly once in the completed grid.

CLUES

- song of praise
- sharp-witted
- strong glue
- menacing hand
- Chopin piece
- sooner or later, e.g.
- treadmill setting

A B C D E F
 G H I J K L M
 N O P Q R S
 T U V W X Y Z



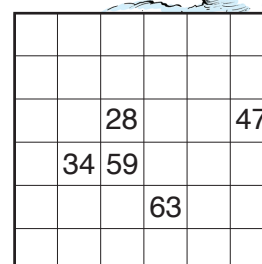
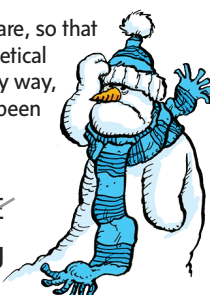
LOGIC PLAY

A-J FIT-IN

Insert the letters A to J, one per square, so that no two consecutive letters in alphabetical order are in squares that touch in any way, even at a corner. Three letters have been placed to get you started.



A B C D E
 F G H I J



PATHFINDER

A path of 36 consecutive numbers, connected horizontally or vertically, and never diagonally, will complete this grid. Some numbers are given to get you started. Can you place a number in each empty cell to create the only correct path?

6	1	8	2	●	○	○
4	1	9	5	●	○	
9	4	3	1	○	○	
5	8	7	6	●	○	

SPYMASTER

Deduce a secret number made of four different digits 1 through 9. The chart shows four guesses at the number, and a score for each guess using marbles. Any digit that appears in the secret number in the same position as in the guess is scored with a black marble. Any digit that appears in the secret number in a different position than in the guess is scored with a white marble. Any digit that is not in the secret number does not get a marble. It's up to you to determine which digits are indicated by the marbles. Can you figure out the four-digit number?

MINI SUDOKU

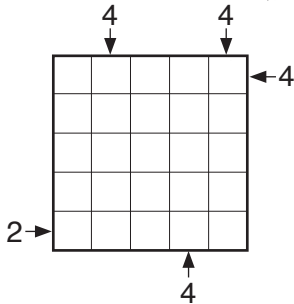
Fill in the empty cells so that each letter in WREATH appears once in each row, each column, and each outlined 2×3 rectangle. There's only one way to do it. Can you find it?

		W			
	R				W
				E	
E			A		
A		T		H	

DICE IT UP

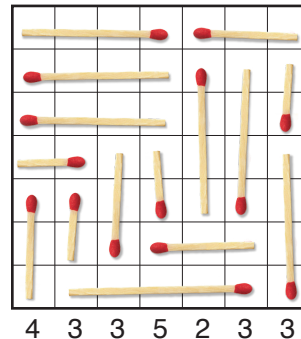
These four cubes are labelled with one letter on each of their 24 faces, using all the letters of the alphabet except Q and Z. Random rolls of all four cubes could produce the following 14 words. Can you use the words to deduce how the letters are distributed among the cubes?

A V O W
B E S T
B O I L
D I R E
E X P O
F A U N
F O R K
G R I M
J U S T
L O C H
M Y T H
P O K E
W A V Y
W I S E



SKYSCRAPERS

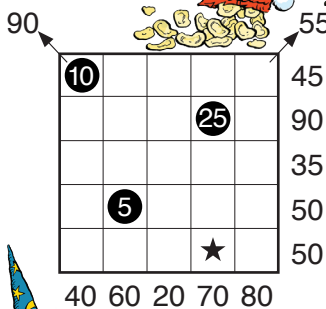
The grid is a bird's-eye view of a city's downtown core. Place a number from 1 to 5 (representing a building's height) in each cell so that no two buildings in any row or column have the same height. The numbers outside the grid tell you the number of buildings visible from that direction. Higher buildings block the view of lower ones behind them. Can you determine the heights of all 25 buildings?



MATCH PLAY

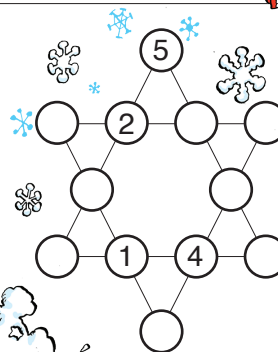
The grid contains unburnt matches of different sizes. You may burn any amount of each match, or leave the match unburnt. You "burn" a match by shading segments from the head (rounded end) to the tail, without skipping segments. The numbers outside the grid indicate the number of burnt segments in the corresponding row or column. Can you shade in the burnt segments to "match" the numbers?

NUMBER PLAY



PLACE YOUR CHIPS

Put poker chips worth \$5, \$10, or \$25 on the squares of this grid—but no more than one chip per square—so that their dollar values total the amount shown for each row, column, and long diagonal. Not every square will have a chip on it. Three chips and one blank square (designated by a star) have been placed to get you started.



SNOWFLAKE

In this snowflake, use the numbers 1 through 12, once each, to fill the circles so that all four circles on each straight line sum to 26. We've started you off with four numbers. Can you place the rest to make it all add up?

		10		
4				23
			26	

HIP! HIP! ARRAY!

Place a number in each empty cell of this array so that the numbers in the top and middle cells in each column sum to the number in the bottom cell. Also, in each row, the numbers in the first two cells sum to the number in the third cell; the second and third sum to the fourth; and the third and fourth sum to the fifth. When you've filled the array, convert the shaded numbers to letters (1 = A, 2 = B, etc.). Rearrange these letters to spell a word that appears in more than one holiday song.

7		
5		4

MAGICAL THINKING

In this magic square, every row, every column, and both main diagonals add up to the same value, which you must determine. There is only one way to complete the square with a number in each cell. Can you find it?



The exterior letters spell
ROCK 'EM SOCK 'EM ROBOTS.



Puzzle 1:	Puzzle 2:	Puzzle 3:
CRUMB	PIANO	GOUGE

		W	E	T
B	R	A	V	O
R	E	N	E	W
A	D	D		

UN SOUND
DARKEST
SWEETLY
BICYCLE
PIMENTO

B U R L A P
E C L A I R
H U B R I S
P I C K E T
S K E T C H

				F					
	Q	U	I	C	K				
			S						
W	A	L	T	Z					
	D								
	V			J			H		
	E	P	O	X			Y		
	R		G				M		
	B						N		

T	E	W	H	R	A
H	R	A	E	T	W
W	A	R	T	E	H
E	T	H	A	W	R
A	W	T	R	H	E
R	H	E	W	A	T

38	39	40	41	42	43
37	32	31	30	45	44
36	33	28	29	46	47
35	34	59	60	61	48
56	57	58	63	62	49
55	54	53	52	51	50

A 5x5 grid of numbers. The grid is as follows:

5	2	4	3	1
4	3	1	5	2
2	1	5	4	3
1	4	3	2	5
3	5	2	1	4

 Arrows and labels:

- Top: Two downward arrows labeled '4' pointing to the first and fourth columns.
- Right: One leftward arrow labeled '4' pointing to the fifth row.
- Bottom: One upward arrow labeled '4' pointing to the fourth column.
- Left: One rightward arrow labeled '2' pointing to the fifth row.

		E	G	
I	C	A	J	B
	F	H	D	

8 1 4 6

The letters are distributed as follows:

Cube 1: A, C, I, K, T, X
Cube 2: B, H, P, R, U, W
Cube 3: D, G, N, O, S, Y
Cube 4: E, F, J, L, M, V

12	1	11
7	8	9
5	15	4

The decoded letters
rearrange to spell
SLEIGH.

8	2	10	12	22
4	5	9	14	23
12	7	19	26	45

10	10	5	10	10	90	55
10	25	5	25	25	45	90
★	10	5	10	10	35	
10	5	★	25	10	50	
10	10	5	★	25	50	
40	60	20	70	80		



2025 DIVERSIONS

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#globecrossword

INSTRUCTIONS

The crossword will print out in 12 pages.

Pages 2–7

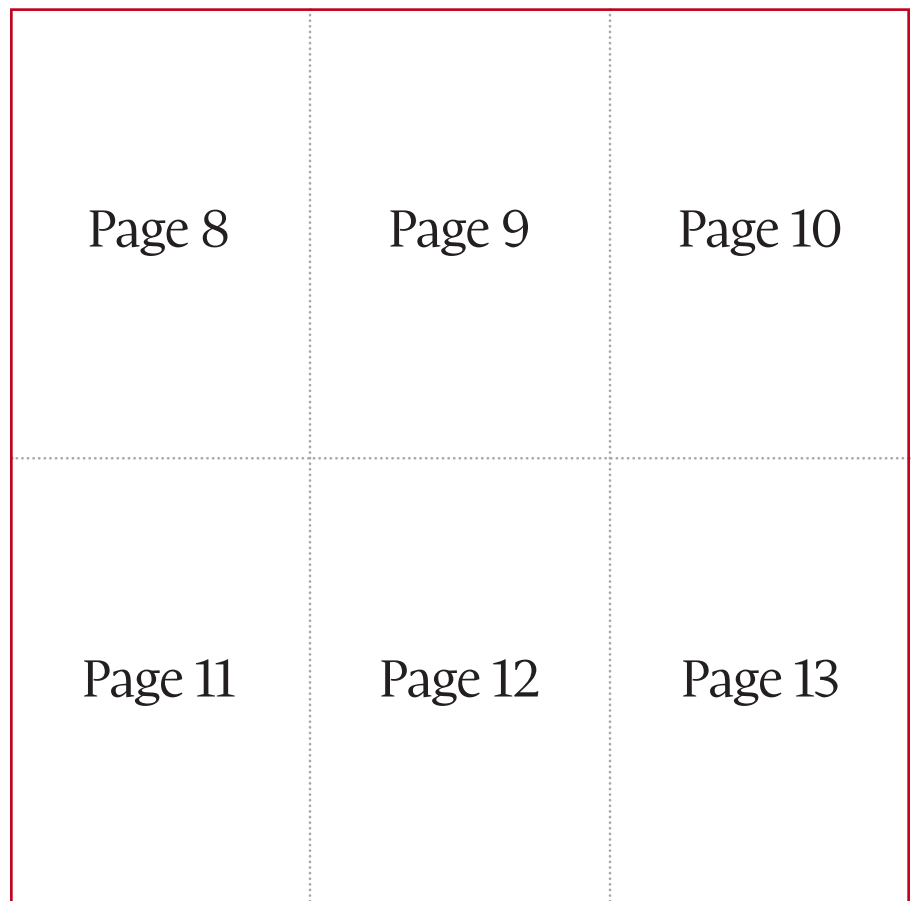
Clues

Pages 8–13

Crossword grid, in sections; you can piece it together using the diagram at right.

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Crossword solutions



CLUES ACROSS

1 – 236

- 1 Hexagonal bits of winter weather (10)
- 6 One red mitten and one green mitten, e.g. (8)
- 19 French astrologer mentioned in tabloid predictions (11)
- 25 Gingerbread house candies (8)
- 29 Insurance payments (8)
- 35 Frosty, for one (7)
- 37 Windpipe (7)
- 38 *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* playwright (5)
- 41 Mary-Kate or Ashley (5)
- 42 Sparkle in the sun (7)
- 43 "I dunno" gesture (5)
- 44 From the top (5)
- 45 'Tis better to 461-Down than to _____ (7)
- 46 Bitter resentment (7)
- 47 Inexpensive shoulder wrap (4,3)
- 48 Barn dance (7)
- 49 Radiologist's task (1-6)
- 50 Kind of auto insurance (2-5)
- 51 Hebrew school (7)
- 52 Scrooge portrayer of 1951 (8,3)
- 53 Bring home (4)
- 54 *Dancing Queen* group (4)
- 55 Espresso + hot water (9)
- 56 Meditation locale at a Japanese temple (3,6)
- 57 Van Gogh, e.g. (6)
- 59 Rocker nicknamed The Boss (5,11)
- 63 "How do I tell them apart?" (5,2,5)
- 66 Karate teacher (6)
- 69 "I _____ lonely as a cloud..." (Wordsworth opening) (8)
- 70 Read electronically (4)
- 72 Round Table member (6)
- 73 Web designer (6)
- 76 Handy (9)
- 77 OutKast hit of 2003 (3,2)
- 78 Small sofas (7)
- 81 Fruity drinks (7)
- 83 Furious (5)
- 84 Rose piece (5)
- 85 Water separating Bulgaria and Georgia (5,3)
- 87 Stanley Park locale (9)
- 90 Tough-to-refold travel guide (4,3)
- 93 Highest U.S. state capital (5,2)
- 97 Lawsuit resolution (10)
- 102 They're golden at McDonald's (6)
- 104 Lox (6,6)
- 106 Result of multiplication (7)
- 107 Rub noses (6)
- 109 It had *Aerosmith* and *Metallica* editions (6,4)
- 111 Diwali celebrant (5)
- 113 *Lawrence of _____* (6)
- 114 Sidestep (5)
- 115 Make certain (6)
- 117 Hamper filler (7)
- 118 Resulted in (3,2)
- 119 Preadolescent (5)
- 120 Show that's both funny and sad (11)
- 122 Doggie (5)
- 123 City where Sky Masterson takes his date in *Guys and Dolls* (6)
- 124 Police surveillance op (8)
- 126 Speech at graduation (12,7)
- 134 Cowardly Lion portrayer Bert (4)
- 135 In a hurry (7,3,4)
- 140 City with Iolani Palace (8)
- 143 Self-evident truth (5)
- 144 Santa's sackful (4)
- 145 Bad kid's stocking stuffer (4)
- 146 High-sticking, for one (7)
- 149 Beehive sound (4)
- 150 Plug in overnight (8)
- 151 "Me too!" (5)
- 153 Not a moment too soon (4,2,4)
- 155 Follow-up films set earlier (8)
- 156 Candle bracket (6)
- 157 Life of Riley (4,6)
- 159 Brawl (10)
- 162 Friend of Harry and Ron (8)
- 163 Horse's gait (6)
- 164 Crime (7)
- 169 Piles (5)
- 171 Felix Auger-Aliassime plays it (6)
- 172 Lifting device (5)
- 174 Jumble (3-2)
- 176 Masterless samurai (5)
- 178 Fashionable (2,5)
- 179 Science fair prizes (7)
- 180 *The Ugly Duckling* writer (8)
- 182 Farcical (9)
- 184 Sanitize (7)
- 185 Moscow citadel (7)
- 186 Teacher (10)
- 188 Walked quietly (7)
- 190 At volume 11, in a certain mockumentary (7)
- 192 Winter neckwear (5)
- 193 "Sure, no need to conform" (3,2,3)
- 195 Force from office (4)
- 197 Pre-Christmas season (6)
- 198 Auctioneer's warning (5)
- 200 Like holiday parties (7)
- 204 Author Asimov (5)
- 206 Like grizzlies (6)
- 207 Opposed to (4)
- 210 Oscar (7,5)
- 211 They make calls at home (7)
- 215 "Hermit kingdom" of Asia (5,5)
- 216 Tart pie filling (7)
- 217 Porridge (7)
- 218 Tanker incident (3,5)
- 219 Bulletproof vest material (6)
- 221 Concert promoters (11)
- 223 One-celled organism (6)
- 227 Broad smiles (5)
- 230 Caravan beast (5)
- 231 Dessert named for an opera singer (5,5)
- 236 "Make yourself at home", in Spanish (2,4,2,2,4)

CLUES ACROSS

244 – 454

- 244 Halloween option (5)
 245 HBO drama with Zendaya as Rue (8)
 247 *The Naked and the Dead* author (6,6)
 249 *Skyfall* singer (5)
 250 James Bond's drink (7)
 251 Muscle twitch (5)
 254 Billiards bounce (5)
 255 Stallone character (5,6)
 257 Goddess of the hunt (5)
 258 Captain Marvel, e.g. (9)
 259 Communicates with others (9)
 263 Shabbily made (5)
 265 Front-desk greeter (12)
 266 Preferred invitees (1-4)
 267 Archrival (7)
 268 Lowest points (6)
 269 Ashton Kutcher, by birth (5)
 270 Cradlesong (7)
 271 Frankenstein's monster portrayer (7)
 272 Two-faced (9)
 273 Snarls, as yarn (7,2)
 274 Crumple (7)
 275 Eggnog sprinkling (6)
 278 Occupy (7)
 279 Florida crop (7)
 281 Garlicky shrimp dish (6)
 282 Family boy (8)
 285 Language of Pakistan (4)
 287 Blackbeard's flag (5,5)
 289 Bona fide (9)
 291 Santa's home (5,4)
 294 Battlefield ditch (6)
 295 Scottie, e.g. (7)
 298 Mozart's middle name (7)
 300 Small wave (6)
 302 Ordinary people (3,6)
 304 Express differently (8)
 306 Take flight (7)
 307 Card sentiment (3,4)
 308 Neighbour of Mexico (9)
 310 Party attendee (9)
 312 Watercraft or water glass (6)
 314 Turndown (7)
 316 Oscar-winning Disney song (3,2,2)
 317 December door decoration (6)
 319 Pizza topping (9)
 321 It might be whole life (9)
 322 Judicious (7)
 324 Birds that gobble a lot (7)
 325 In the wings (8)
 326 Everglades critter (9)
 328 Achilles ____ (6)
 329 Tolerate (7)
 330 Got away (7)
 332 Open, as a gift (6)
 333 Small woody plants, collectively (9)
 335 Calgary Stampede headgear (6,3)
 337 Made resentful (10)
 338 Largest continent (4)
 339 If (8)
 342 PEI veggie (6)
 344 Prepare to do an operation (5,2)
 347 Bakery freebies (7)
 349 Annul, as a law (6)
 351 Censure (7)
 353 Wading bird with a long, flat beak (9)
 354 Real estate broker (4,5)
 356 Period of slump (3,4)
 358 Part of 346-Down (7)
 360 Rare violin (5)
 363 Reddish-brown colour (6)
 364 American marsupial (7)
 366 ____ salts (5)
 367 Intersection controller (7,5)
 369 Fab Four name (5)
 370 It opens everything (6,3)
 374 "____, Underdog is here!" (5,4)
 375 Text image (5)
 376 They think they're important (11)
 377 Kipling's homeland (5)
 378 Wedding attendant (5)
 381 Dressing choice (7)
 382 Parachute material (5)
 383 A gift of the Magi (12)
 385 Caulfield's creator (8)
 387 Nun's attire (5)
 388 Neil deGrasse Tyson, e.g. (14)
 396 Edible fern frond (10)
 400 "God bless us ____ one" (5)
 401 Little rascal (5)
 404 Willowy (6)
 408 Avoids (with "of") (6,5)
 410 Greetings under the mistletoe (6)
 411 Five-line verse (8)
 413 Nullifier (7)
 414 When 416-Down always starts (7)
 415 Open to compromise (10)
 417 Relatives of rhododendrons (7)
 419 Readily visible (2,5,5)
 420 Slithery swimmers (4)
 421 Sevastopol's peninsula (6)
 422 Dreidel letter (5)
 424 Is filled with activity (7)
 428 Earth Day month (5)
 429 Rococo (6)
 430 Dull pain (4)
 431 Burrito need (8)
 433 Internet troublemaker (5)
 435 Mottled (7)
 437 *The Vitruvian Man* artist (2,5)
 438 Bus riders (10)
 441 Emotionally stoic (7)
 443 Playwright Hellman (7)
 444 Yearning for the past (9)
 447 Marching style (8)
 449 Indonesia's capital, for now (7)
 450 Surround (7)
 451 Spine-tingling (5)
 452 They go on your feet (5)
 454 Cocktail ice (5)

CLUES ACROSS

455 – 594

- 455 Ric of The Cars (6)
457 Night vision? (5)
459 Import illegally (7)
463 Chauffeur (6)
464 Flipping tools (8)
466 Purchase with holiday gift paper (6,4)
467 Fairy-tale trio (5,5)
470 Ghost (6)
471 Regatta craft (8)
472 Having an orderly structure (10)
475 Medicine bottles (5)
476 Follow too closely (8)
477 The _____ of Avon (4)
478 Parallel-bars user (7)
480 Four-star review (4)
481 Big-screen format (4)
482 Disney lion (5)
483 Augment (8)
487 A *Christmas Carol* writer (7,7)
493 Graceful bird (4)
495 Line sung in *The Sound of Music* (3,1,4,1,6,4)
502 Constantinople, today (8)
504 Shattered (6)
505 Jordan's capital city (5)
506 Venus, around sunset (7,4)
507 A *Doll's House* playwright (5)
508 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame architect (1,1,3)
509 Caesar salad lettuce (7)
510 Northern Ireland (6)
511 Schoolyard menace (5)
512 After-bath powder (6)
513 Blood carriers (5)
515 Worker with hammer and anvil (10)
517 Intense fear (6)
518 Ugly _____ party (7)
519 Long woodwinds (7,5)
520 Treat left for Santa (6)
522 Fun and games (10)
527 Party dishful (4,3)
531 Creator of 550-Across (2,5)
532 Hot _____ (winter quaff) (9)
534 Fuel piled next to a hearth (8)
537 Killer whales (5)
538 Deplete (3,2)
539 Turns around (7)
542 Computer screen (7)
543 Nunavut people (5)
544 National park in Tanzania (9)
546 Musical beat (6)
547 Meal on a blanket (6)
549 "O little _____ of Bethlehem..." (4)
550 Town visited by 323-Down (8)
552 Hospital workers (6)
554 Fishy lunch choice (4,8)
558 Popular holiday trips (9,7)
560 Baby's bodysuit (6)
562 Nose nipper (4,5)
564 Holiday tart filling (9)
566 Florence's river (4)
567 Designer Chanel (4)
569 Traditional Christmas dessert (4,7)
572 Prisoners (7)
575 Bowling feats (7)
576 Hospital workers (7)
578 _____ and sniff (7)
580 Malice (3,4)
581 "My cup _____ over" (7)
582 Flu bugs (7)
583 Big name in fairy-tale writing (5)
584 Stuffing ingredient (5)
585 Rhine siren (7)
586 Shake awake (5)
587 Like many casks (5)
588 "Happy _____!" (3,4)
589 Paper-folding craft (7)
590 Trade (8)
591 Quarantines (8)
592 *Citizen Kane* star and director (5,6)
593 Cloudy (8)
594 Gift-giver's trio (6,4)

CLUES DOWN

1 – 209

- 1 Bird with mostly white plumage (5,3)
- 2 Calvin Klein perfume (9)
- 3 Mushrooms, e.g. (5)
- 4 Cyclades setting (6,3)
- 5 Grave words (7)
- 7 Present at birth (6)
- 8 Soccer great Lionel (5)
- 9 Fencing moves (7)
- 10 Like a diva (4,11)
- 11 Must-haves (10)
- 12 Extinct bird (4)
- 13 Impossible to stop (10)
- 14 Sicilian volcano (4)
- 15 Treatment after a raccoon bite (6,4)
- 16 Thick carpet (4)
- 17 Christmas tree, to a German (10)
- 18 Social blunders (6)
- 19 Tidy up (6)
- 20 Small songbirds (8)
- 21 Litter's littlest (4)
- 22 Long-lasting (7)
- 23 Heroes of 416-Down (9)
- 24 *This Is _____ Tap* (6)
- 25 "Six _____ a-laying..." (5)
- 26 Local alien? (7)
- 27 Plunder (7)
- 28 *Peter and the Wolf* composer (9)
- 30 Money back from CRA (6)
- 31 Attract much attention (4,1,6)
- 32 Hungry (5)
- 33 Fez-wearing conventioneer (7)
- 34 R&B singer _____ James (4)
- 36 List of options (4)
- 39 Common hair colour (8)
- 40 War leader at Little Bighorn (5,5)
- 58 Challenge while doing 117-Across (5)
- 60 Magnus Carlsen's game (5)
- 61 Part of RCMP (5)
- 62 Leg bangle (6)
- 64 Mexican plantation (8)
- 65 Black-capped bird whose name is its alarm call (9)
- 67 Fairy tale's final two words, often (4,5)
- 68 Dog pest (4)
- 71 Spelunking site (4)
- 74 One of the Three Tenors (7)
- 75 "Don't touch!" (5,3)
- 78 Petrarch poems (7)
- 79 Hockey great Phil (8)
- 80 Site for a cotillion (8)
- 82 Fairgoer of a nursery rhyme (6,5)
- 84 Vesuvius buried it (7)
- 86 Christmas treat (5,4)
- 88 Binary choice on Santa's list (7,2,4)
- 89 From C to C, say (6)
- 90 Santa's landing strip (7)
- 91 Supermarket meat section heading (7)
- 92 "Glory be!" (10)
- 94 Wedding keepsake (5)
- 95 Prepare for a fight (5)
- 96 "Hot" sundae topping (5)
- 98 Remote button (5)
- 99 Influencer, e.g. (11)
- 100 Biker film of 1969 (4,5)
- 101 Newspaper puzzle (6)
- 103 Sofas (7)
- 105 Doing nothing (4)
- 106 Madrid gallery (5)
- 108 Treetop cable ride (3,4)
- 110 Patternless (6)
- 112 Batik artisan (4)
- 116 Hot-water wash load (6)
- 121 Sept. 22, 2025 event (7)
- 125 Hooded snakes (4,6)
- 127 Purple shade (5)
- 128 Digestion aids (7)
- 129 Achieving net-zero emissions output (6,7)
- 130 *Becoming* memoirist, 2018 (8,5)
- 131 Subtle (7)
- 132 Brief brawl (3-2)
- 133 Unable to read (10)
- 136 Bank transaction (7)
- 137 Refurbish (8)
- 138 Sightseer (7)
- 139 Ceremonial review of troops (8,10)
- 140 Horse's foot (4)
- 141 Person, place or thing (4)
- 142 Misplace (4)
- 147 Story with a Bengal tiger named Richard Parker (4,2,2)
- 148 Silvery strands (6)
- 152 Plush fabric (6)
- 154 Golf club metal (8)
- 158 Kansas state symbol (9)
- 160 Newsworthy import tax (6)
- 161 Bun seed (6)
- 165 Tongue-in-cheek (9)
- 166 Full of vim and vigour (9)
- 167 Mulls over (9)
- 168 Quiche ingredients (4)
- 170 Amazon assistant (5)
- 173 Congregate (8)
- 174 "Fashion's biggest night" (3,4)
- 175 "Waste not, want not", e.g. (7)
- 176 Overnight flight (3-3)
- 177 Animated boy genius Jimmy (7)
- 181 Like Sheldon Cooper's memory (7)
- 183 Trials by fire (7)
- 185 Tchotchkes (5-6)
- 186 One unable to drop off (9)
- 187 Submarine detector (5)
- 189 Angela Hewitt's instrument (5)
- 191 Was impossible to accept (5,2,4,4)
- 194 Dogpatch surname (5)
- 196 "Beat it!" (5)
- 199 Bits of dust (6)
- 201 Oval (7)
- 202 Bubble tea ingredient (7)
- 203 Frankie of The Four Seasons (5)
- 205 Heroine of a Christmas ballet (5)
- 208 "I totally crushed that!" (6,2)
- 209 Avocado dip, for short (4)

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- 212 Cuban dance (5)
 213 Extremely serious (6)
 214 Come too (3,5)
 220 Spinal column bone (8)
 222 Proof goof (7)
 224 Xylophone relative (7)
 225 Leaves the stage (5)
 226 Same diff: failing by a little or failing by a lot (1,4,2,2,4,2,1,4)
 227 Raisins, once (6)
 228 Violation, as of a copyright (12)
 229 Most precipitous (8)
 232 Cupid's projectile (5)
 233 Soft news items (5,8,7)
 234 Convert to code (8)
 235 Drinks bill (3,3)
 237 Pastoral poem (5)
 238 Self-image in a video game (6)
 239 Beatles album whose cover shows a crosswalk (5,4)
 240 Ignition system component (5,4)
 241 Credit analysis experts (12)
 242 San Antonio mission (5)
 243 Robert Bolt drama about Sir Thomas More (1,3,3,3,7)
 246 Greek fable writer (5)
 248 Jolly (8)
 252 Newton's light refractor (5)
 253 Location of a fresco called *The Last Judgment* (7,6)
 256 Popular movements or crazes (8,9)
 260 Ivy feature (7)
 261 Designer Lauren (5)
 262 Yuri Gagarin, e.g. (9)
 264 317-Across adornment (4,4)
 275 Christmas pageants (8,5)
 276 Quisling's crime (7)
 277 Banquet host (5)
 280 Banquet invitee (5)
 283 Coral formations (5)
 284 Loyal (7)
 286 Trouble (7)
 288 Old codgers (7)
 290 Lachrymose (7)
 292 Greasy spoon, e.g. (6)
 293 Gives form to (6)
 296 Photo-sharing app, familiarly (5)
 297 *Analyze This* star (6,2,4)
 299 Storage storey (5)
 301 Grassland (7)
 303 Overbearing (9)
 305 Ethiopia's peninsula (4,2,6)
 309 About 1% of Earth's atmosphere (5)
 311 Musician in a kilt (8)
 313 U.S. state capital named for a president (7,8)
 315 Sauce thickener, often (5)
 318 Dishwasher cycle (5)
 320 Cleopatra's Needle, e.g. (7)
 323 Kid-lit thief (3,6)
 324 Values highly (9)
 327 Opera texts (8)
 331 Suave (8)
 334 Watch many episodes in one sitting (5)
 336 Big containers used in a fermentation process (4,4)
 340 Decision-delaying strategy (4-3-3,8)
 341 They start your days (8)
 343 Introduce formally in the House (5)
 345 John Entwistle, in The Who (7)
 346 Astrologer's circle (6)
 348 Swiss breakfast cereal (6)
 349 Petroleum plant (8)
 350 Tuvalu's ocean (7)
 352 Like puddles on a very cold day (6,5)
 353 Tournament rounds (5)
 355 Tie, as a score (4,2)
 357 Parade component (5)
 359 Mexican money (5)
 361 Discombobulate (5)
 362 Room in the big house (4,4)
 365 Give a speech (5)
 368 Parisian police officers (9)
 371 Poseidon's spear (7)
 372 Scott Joplin's genre (7)
 373 "I have found it!" (6)
 379 African scavenger (5)
 380 Rap's Busta ____ (6)
 384 Hold tight (5)
 386 French farewell (5)
 389 ____ Fairy (525-Down character) (5,4)
 390 New version of an old story (9)
 391 HR's concern (9)
 392 Ambiguous response (3,3,2)
 393 Catches fire (7)
 394 Desktop symbol (4)
 395 Quinine water (5)
 396 Last novel of James Joyce (9,4)
 397 Smartphone feature (7,6)
 398 Not now (5)
 399 Screen villains (7)
 402 Birthday cake topping? (7)
 403 Soap opera staple (9)
 405 Compared to (3-1-3)
 406 Canada's highest peak (5)
 407 Involves (7)
 409 Sweater size (5)
 412 Time for lunch (6)
 416 Festival of Lights (8)
 418 Cagey people? (10)
 423 Hollywood release (5)
 424 Bluegrass instruments (6)
 425 Fabric-producing insect (8)
 426 St. Patrick's Day figure (10)
 427 Narrow waterway (6)
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 436 Hot beverage suggestive of a 86-Down (10,3)

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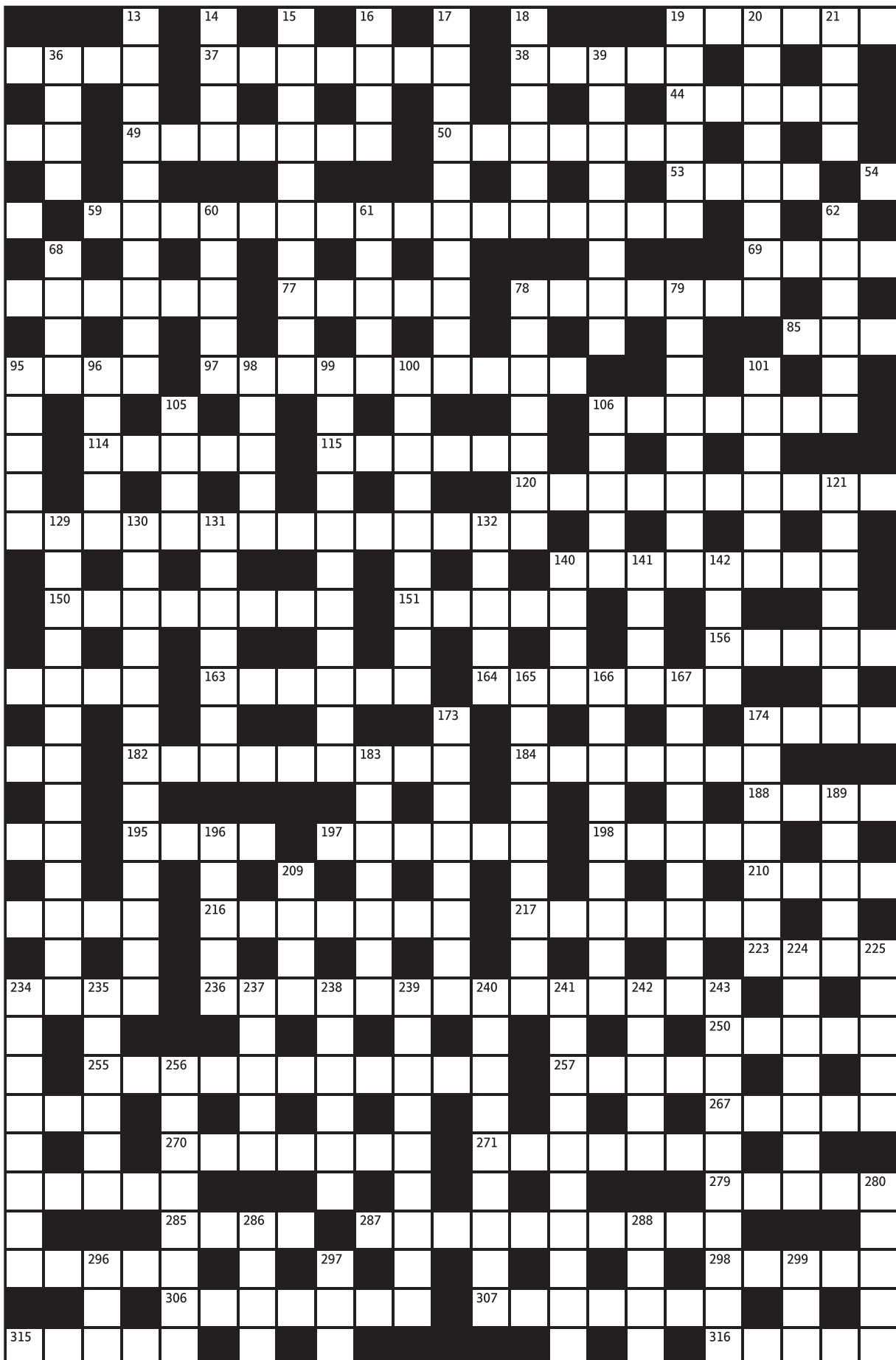
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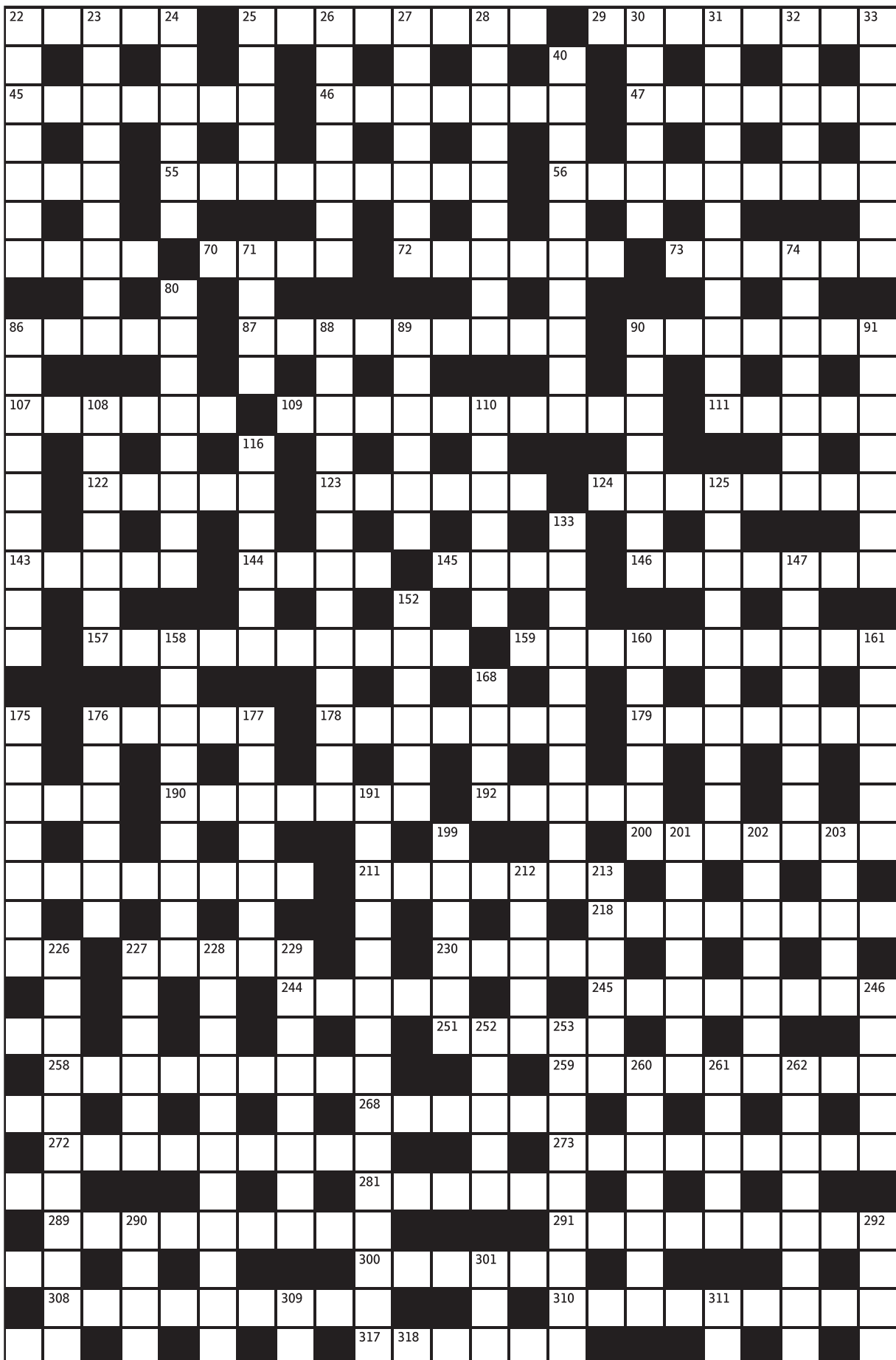
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459 Topping decoration (4)
460 Forearm bone (4)
461 Donate (4)
462 Muse of love poetry (5)
463 Take apart (9)
465 Think alike (5)
468 Freight train unit (6)
469 Discussion class (7)
470 Character in *The Wizard of Oz* (9)
473 Unruly patch of hair (7)
474 *New World Symphony* composer (6)
478 Was sorrowful (7)
479 Sightseeing vehicle (4,3)
482 U.S. Marine's motto, familiarly (6,2)
484 Sculptor's tool (6)
485 Golf course hole count (8)
486 Ravi Shankar's instrument (5)
487 Picture studied by a homicide detective (5,5,5)
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489 For Winnipeg, it's about 97 degrees west (9)
490 Given the brush-off (8)
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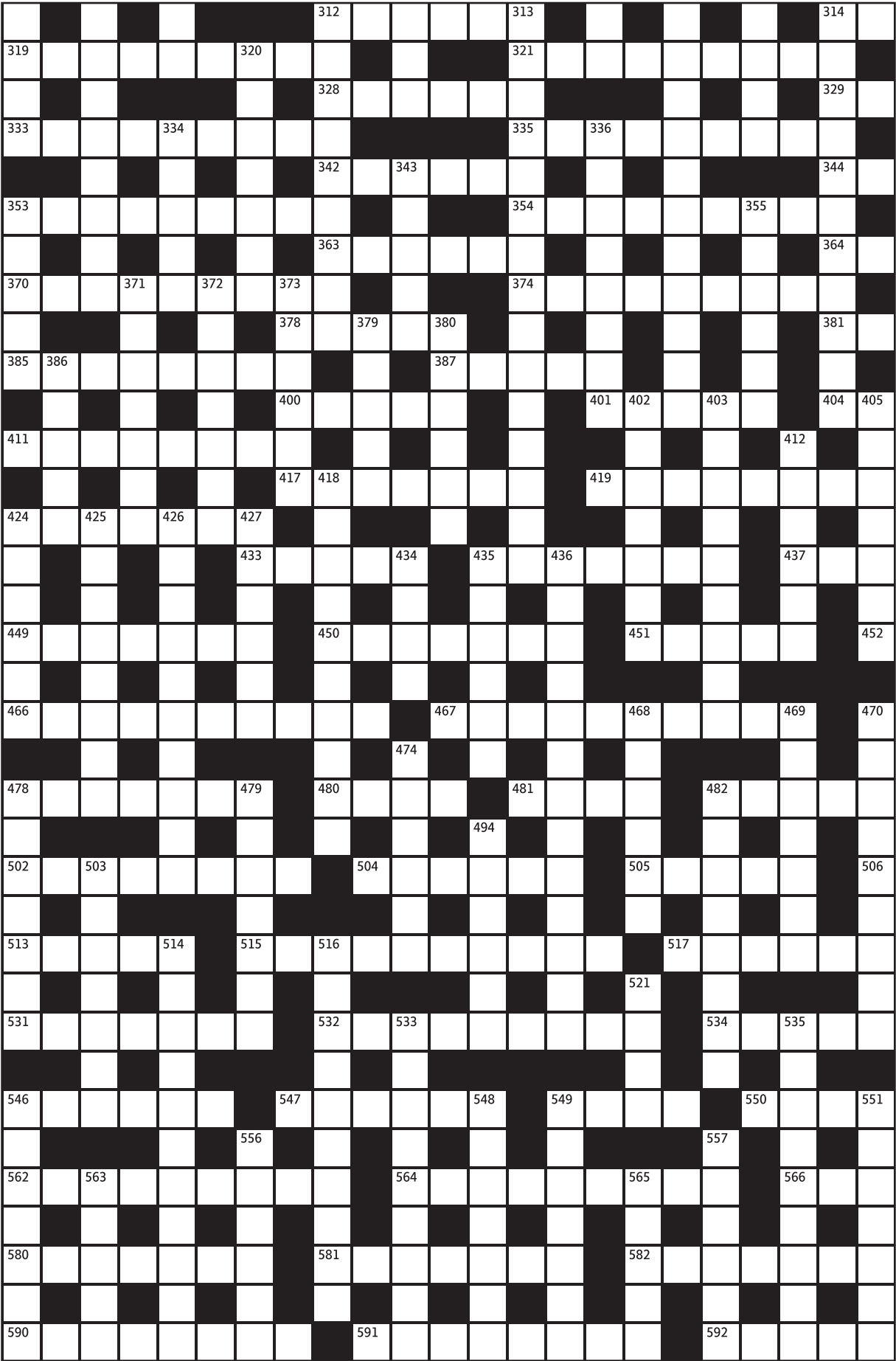
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516 Bird known for its long migration (6,4)
518 At a snail's pace (6)
521 Catty remark? (4)
523 Tutorials on the slopes (3,7)
524 Lament (5)
525 Tchaikovsky ballet, with "The" (10)
526 Seaweed-wrapped fare (5)
527 _____ quartet (10)
528 Em, to Dorothy (4)
529 Scheduled to arrive (3,2)
530 Christmas plant (10)
533 Seasonal decorations (9)
535 Runs through a stage play (9)
536 Shatner show (4,4)
540 Opening song of *Fiddler on the Roof* (9)
541 Evangelist whose Gospel contains the Nativity story (5,4)
542 Statue, perhaps (8)
545 Cat features (8)
546 Verb in *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (7)
548 Shroud (7)
549 Golfer's first stroke (3,4)
551 Deer meat (7)
553 Everyday procedure (7)
555 Sharp-cornered (7)
556 Fairway bend (6)
557 Sound system (6)
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559 Making gingerbread, perhaps (6)
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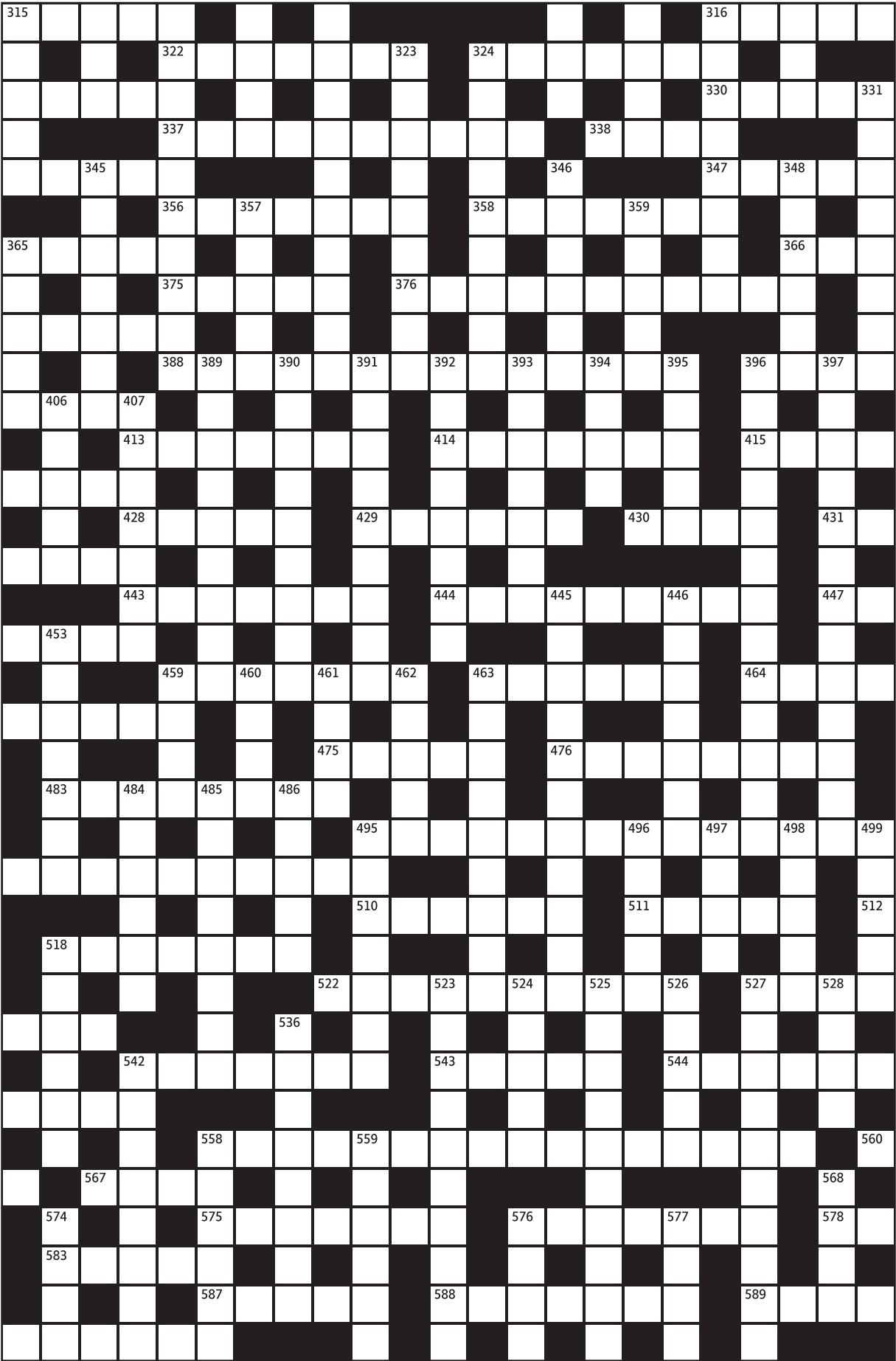
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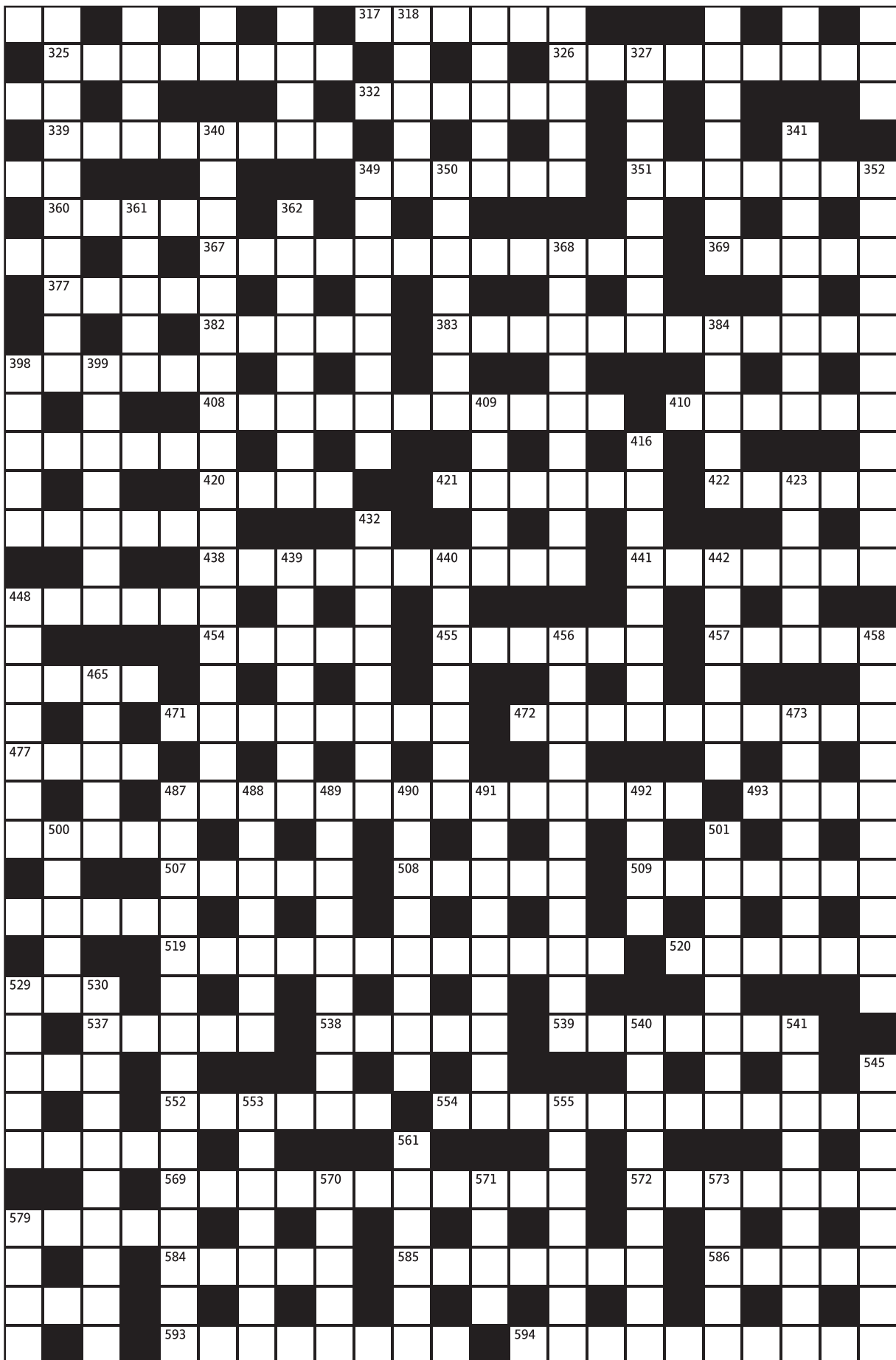
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