

**FINAL OFFER**

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**ACROSS**

- 1 Curse
- 5 Unit of current
- 8 Developer of 1982's E.T., a video game so bad that hundreds of thousands of unsold cartridges were secretly buried in a New Mexico landfill
- 13 Stealing attempts on the diamond?
- 19 Look extremely stylish, slangily
- 20 \_\_\_ People's Democratic Republic
- 21 Classic actress Sophia
- 22 Lacking freshness
- 23 Always glad to be seated in the back of the boat?
- 26 Printed cotton fabric
- 27 Think of together
- 28 Perfectly placed "Batman" punch?
- 30 Behind the line of scrimmage
- 32 Pried, with "in"
- 33 Look ahead
- 36 Unfilled spaces
- 40 Part of New York City's Museum Mile, with "the"
- 43 Charlatans
- 46 "Catch you later!"
- 47 Buddhist temple structure
- 50 Penny going through the wash once again?
- 53 Subject of Walter Lord's "A Night to Remember"
- 54 Epson product
- 55 Facebook profile feature
- 56 Soup served at the church social?
- 58 Persuade by force
- 61 Sheep's kin
- 63 Commencement
- 64 Church officer
- 65 Grape-Nuts maker
- 66 Ark groupings
- 68 Feudal workers
- 72 In a lively manner
- 74 What a pointless meeting probably should have been handled by
- 76 California in San Francisco, e.g.
- 77 Afternoon gatherings of Mensa?
- 81 Force at sea
- 83 Monk's title
- 84 Withdrew
- 85 Having no feeling in one's texting hand?
- 89 Assumed name
- 90 One of the so-called "Three Crowns of Florence," along with Petrarch and Boccaccio
- 91 Source of the idioms "fat of the land" and "fire and brimstone"
- 92 As we speak
- 93 Small anatomical opening, as in a bone
- 96 These can go for a lot of bucks
- 97 Check for mistakes

- 100 Party tray meat
- 103 Ad for heartburn medication?
- 109 Puts forward
- 114 State you'll never get to
- 115 "Quit your snickering, Damon!"?
- 117 Hitting the floppy disk icon, say
- 118 Islamic rulers
- 119 Hill resident
- 120 Soup pod
- 121 Dangerous fly
- 122 Dividing membranes
- 123 \_\_\_ flour
- 124 "No man hath \_\_\_ God ..."

**DOWN**

- 1 Labor-regulating org.
- 2 "Such a pity!"
- 3 Bugs
- 4 Doc's needle
- 5 Without reserve
- 6 Yucatán natives
- 7 Fancifully worded
- 8 Drink rarely drunk with a straw
- 9 \_\_\_ Bora, area of Afghanistan
- 10 \_\_\_ American Heritage Month (April)
- 11 Foul rulers
- 12 Says without feeling
- 13 Start of a magician's phrase
- 14 Send over the moon
- 15 Waited at a red light, say
- 16 FedEx, maybe
- 17 Order by the border
- 18 "Please \_\_\_ your tray tables" (plane request)
- 24 World-renowned
- 25 Sanskrit scripture
- 29 Part of many California place names
- 31 Get out of Dodge, so to speak
- 33 Caustic compound
- 34 Needing a passcode, maybe
- 35 Even one
- 37 Latin clarifier
- 38 Easy-to-bend metal
- 39 Greek vowel
- 40 Lead-in to rail
- 41 Computer menu with Undo and Redo
- 42 Dash gauge
- 43 Word with freeze or fixing
- 44 Choice word
- 45 "Don't just \_\_\_ there!"
- 47 Digital passcodes
- 48 Viewed optimistically
- 49 \_\_\_ snake
- 51 Japanese city where Lexus is headquartered
- 52 Classic muscle cars
- 53 Cards with the most pips
- 57 Bread
- 59 Map section
- 60 Irascible
- 62 Some Hollywood up-and-comers
- 65 Responded in court
- 67 Cowardly sort
- 69 Turn down

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- 70 Units of distance in physics
- 71 Sticks a fork in
- 73 Piece of news
- 75 Drinks usually drunk with straws
- 76 Compos mentis
- 77 Stark who was crowned king in the "Game of Thrones" finale
- 78 Eight-year member of Clinton's cabinet
- 79 State
- 80 Glance at, as headlines
- 82 Animal for which the Canary Islands are named
- 86 Opposite of WSW
- 87 -s or -ed
- 88 Modern prefix
- 90 Practices lexicography
- 93 One vain about his looks
- 94 "You \_\_\_?"
- 95 Greetings to some mainlanders
- 97 Ground-dwelling songbird
- 98 Bit attachments
- 99 Old enough
- 101 Kind of acid
- 102 Like most mouthwashes
- 103 Brownish shade
- 104 Greek vowels
- 105 Classic pop-art sculpture with a slanted "O"
- 106 "Personally ..."
- 107 Cut out
- 108 Male deer
- 110 Singer/songwriter Lee
- 111 Appropriate
- 112 "Suis" is part of its conjugation
- 113 Comic book publisher Lee
- 116 Where to find MA and PA

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