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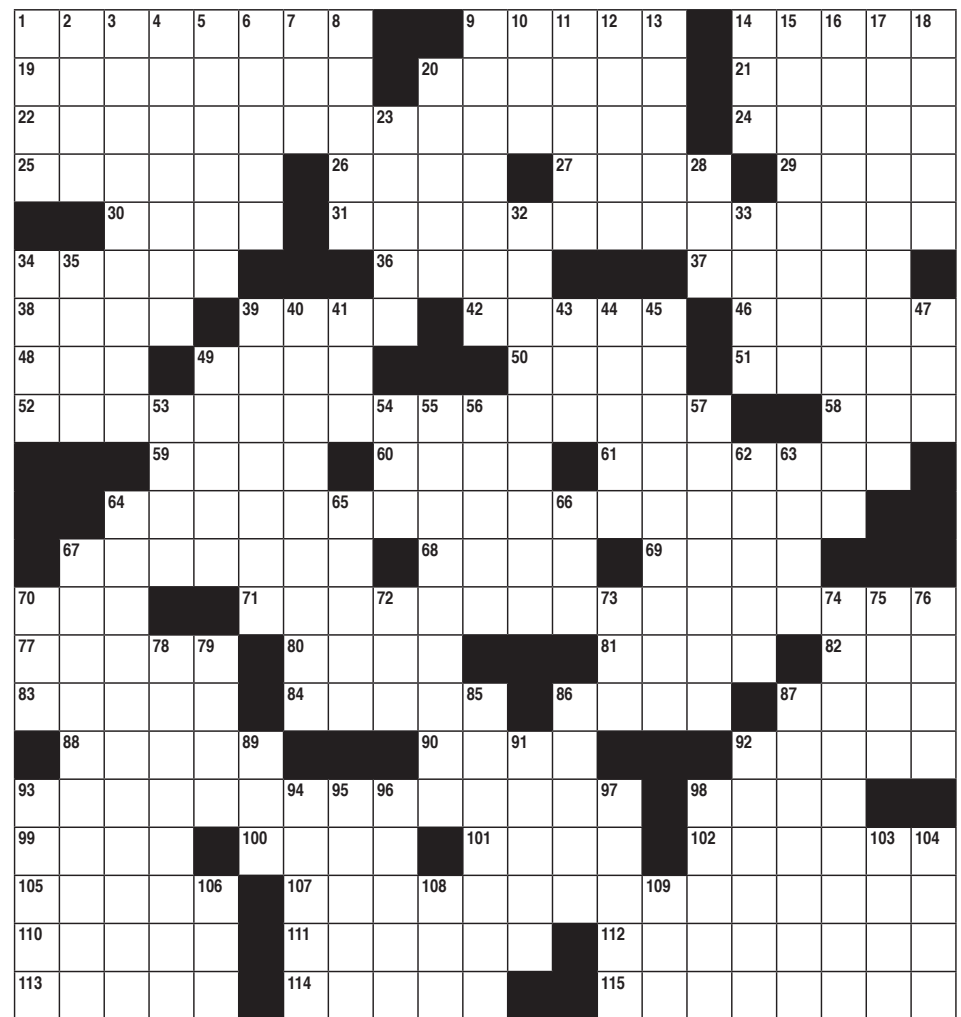
- 1 Era of ignorance  
 9 Elevators in an office building?  
 14 Houston squad, casually  
 19 Eaglelike  
 20 Mississippi River bottom feeder  
 21 "Wouldn't that be nice!"  
 22 Satchel for a homicide detective?  
 24 Joe of "GoodFellas"  
 25 Something found at the top of many a Google search page  
 26 Manufactured  
 27 Baking soda has many of these  
 29 Tush  
 30 Danny Ocean's ex-wife in "Ocean's Eleven"  
 31 Unseasonal wear on a winter vacation?  
 34 Map  
 36 Parisian waters  
 37 Jewish mourning period  
 38 Zoom, e.g.  
 39 Baseball stats sometimes called 39-Down  
 42 Jerk  
 46 Static  
 48 Swiss canton that was home to William Tell  
 49 Variety of stud poker, familiarly  
 50 Berry with two diacritics in its name  
 51 "Get \_\_\_\_\_!"  
 52 Late-morning meal for a TV family?  
 58 Dorm overseers, for short  
 59 Sports event with two diacritics in its name  
 60 Cry after "Company"  
 61 Who wrote, "In the land of the blind, the one-eyed man is king"  
 64 One way to buy mustard cheaply?  
 67 Like the number *i*, mathematically  
 68 Burns writing  
 69 Strong bond  
 70 A pillar of Islam

- 71 Emails such as "Click this link to become an Apollo astronaut?"  
 77 Erie Canal city  
 80 \_\_\_\_\_ Spiegel, co-founder of Snapchat  
 81 "Darling, won't you \_\_\_\_\_ my worried mind" ("Layla" lyric)  
 82 Peter's chief of staff on "The Good Wife"  
 83 Down-on-their-luck sorts  
 84 Hit the hide off the baseball  
 86 Beauts  
 87 Backgrounds in theater  
 88 Tempur-Pedic rival  
 90 Seawater compound  
 92 Neophytes  
 93 Collection of Yule-centric posts?  
 98 Boxing venue  
 99 Nagy of Hungarian history  
 100 Wooded valley  
 101 Bird on Walden Pond in "Walden"  
 102 Like services covered by a health insurer  
 105 Drops  
 107 Utensil for eating some cured meat?  
 110 Link with  
 111 Brainpower  
 112 See to it  
 113 When a happy hour might start  
 114 Haven  
 115 Seizure cause

## DOWN

- 1 Deaden acoustically  
 2 Blue shade  
 3 Kingdom in "The Prisoner of Zenda"  
 4 Leg-pullers  
 5 Div. for the Red 106-Down  
 6 Secures with a band  
 7 S.A.S.E., e.g.: Abbr.  
 8 They require stitches  
 9 What the rotator cuff rotates  
 10 School extension?

- 11 Neutral shades  
 12 Word from the Latin for "noose"  
 13 One caught by a 12-Down  
 14 Nurse  
 15 Can-can dancing?  
 16 Formula for slope in math  
 17 Costa Rican president who won the 1987 Nobel Peace Prize  
 18 Stuffed \_\_\_\_\_  
 20 Clay and oil, for artists  
 23 "For heaven \_\_\_\_\_"  
 28 Some ways on Waze: Abbr.  
 32 Split personality?  
 33 Branch of Islam  
 34 Appurtenance for a cartoon Neanderthal  
 35 Mannheim mister  
 39 Delmonico steak cuts  
 40 Document listing technical specifications  
 41 TV network with a science-y name  
 43 Prefix with puncture  
 44 More sensible  
 45 One is roughly the mass of a speck of dust  
 47 Festoons with Charmin, for short  
 49 Charged up  
 53 Laura of "Big Little Lies"  
 54 Confucian philosopher \_\_\_\_\_ Hsi  
 55 Really trendy  
 56 Hit just beyond the infield  
 57 Hightail it, saltily  
 62 Ocean froth  
 63 "The Simpsons" bar  
 64 Asian fruits used in Western alternative medicine  
 65 Norwegian king near the end of the first millennium  
 66 Non-\_\_\_\_\_ (food label)  
 67 Western powwow held every year or so  
 70 "Come again?"  
 72 Limit  
 73 "Fancy that!"  
 74 People like you



- 75 Orfeo in Gluck's "Orfeo ed Euridice," e.g.  
 76 Not catch  
 78 Crescent-shaped Italian pastries  
 79 Piedmont wine town  
 85 Alternatives to gelcaps  
 86 Semiliquid stuff  
 87 Neural junction  
 89 So-so filler?  
 91 Lunkheads

- 92 Holiday glitter  
 93 Flora and fauna  
 94 Plaster for painting  
 95 Animal used to guard sheep and goats  
 96 Spanish crockery  
 97 Munchkin  
 98 "\_\_\_\_-Tikki-Tavi"  
 103 Misreckons  
 104 "It is a riddle, wrapped in a mystery,

- inside an enigma; but perhaps there is \_\_\_\_\_": Churchill  
 106 See 5-Down  
 108 Numerical prefix  
 109 Much Top 40 music now

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even without the family's later troubles — particularly the trouble with Harry, a man known for strange behavior and violent flare-ups.

But Harry's issues made her job so much harder. One senses a high-born, image-conscious family refusing to confront a disturbed relative and choosing instead to pretend the problem away, reframe embarrassing events to save face, or cast themselves as victims — even after Harry nearly killed Alec Josephson in 1983 by stabbing him in the belly, for

which Harry was later convicted of first-degree assault.

For Mary Louise, protecting the Flavel legacy didn't just mean defending Harry but also keeping possession of her buildings — the mansion, and two downtown properties at Ninth and Commercial streets. She may have felt that to lose control of them would amount to losing her family's roots in Astoria, Goodenberger said. But she let the buildings deteriorate, and gradually sold them.

For all the privilege and stature the Flavel name conferred upon Mary Louise and Harry, it was a mantle they could never get out

from under, one that changed during their lifetime from a blessing to a burden.

The tragedy of Mary Louise's life is not merely what happened, but what didn't happen. Imagine the missed opportunities — the sharp intellect, profligate resources and entire decades misspent as she worked to salvage her brother's reputation and, finally, withdrew from her community.

Even after a dark, reclusive period, her life could have ended on a high note. She could even have reclaimed some of the Flavels' lost glory.

Goodenberger recalled when

Mary Louise returned to Astoria for one of her brother's trials almost 20 years ago.

"I'm walking down the street with her, and people are coming out and shaking her hand and hugging her and welcoming her back," Goodenberger said.

He told her: "You see, Mary Louise — you could come back to this town and do something. There are people who are willing to move on."

The town had changed since she'd left. Much of the old guard who'd experienced her family's slights and scandals had relocated or passed on. Enough new

residents who didn't know the Flavels' history had moved to Astoria that she could feel safe returning.

She could, Goodenberger suggested, come home, fix up her buildings, maybe rent an apartment. She still had time to re-enter Astoria's arts community. The door was open for her if she wanted to walk through it.

But for Mary Louise, "moving on" meant staying away from the town in which her last name carried a stigma. Given all she had to live up to, it's a small wonder she failed to keep such a heavy name afloat forever. **CW**