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## SOFT OPTIONS

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### Across

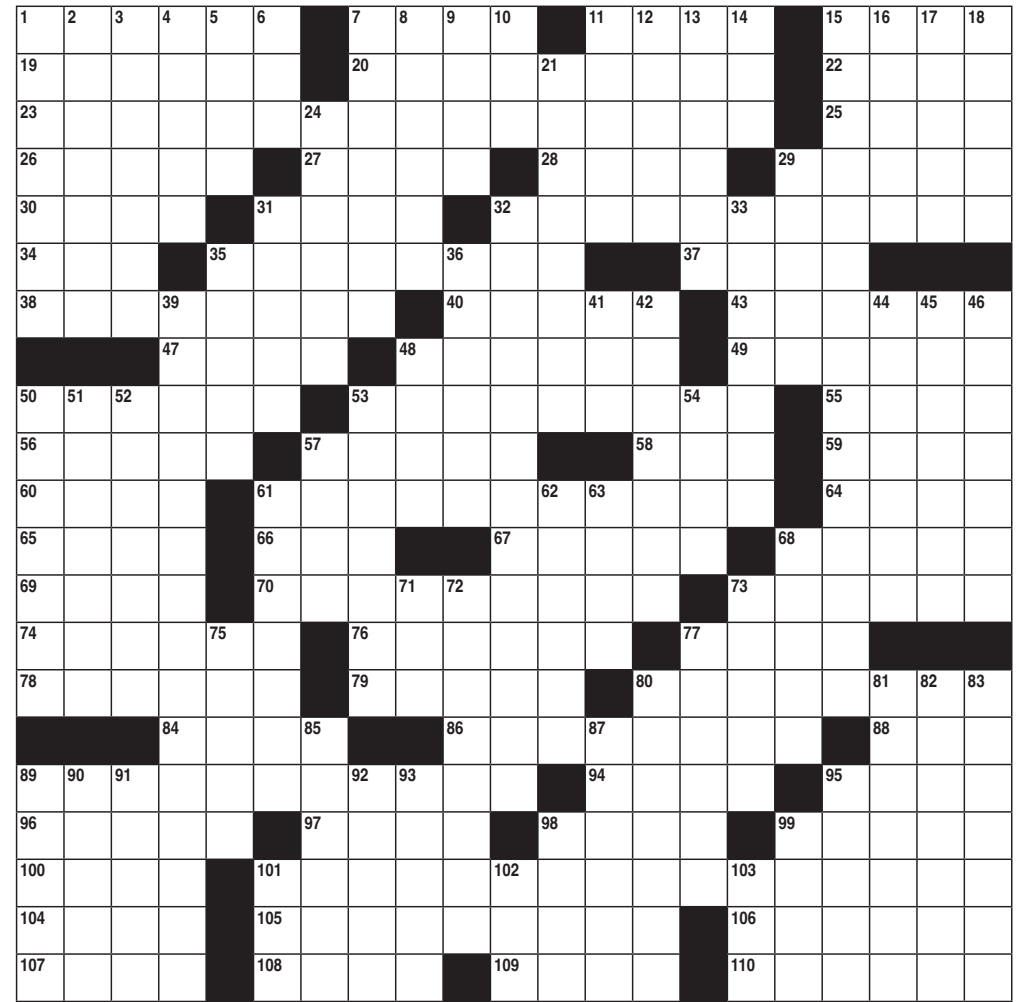
- 1 Hearten  
 7 "...and it flopped"  
 11 Attack with snowballs, say  
 15 Graceful bird  
 19 Crossword header  
 20 Clearer in hindsight?  
 22 \_\_\_\_\_ Winans, 12-time Grammy-winning gospel singer  
 23 Apollo 11 landing spot  
 25 Eligible receiver?  
 26 Quickly maturing security, for short  
 27 Helps  
 28 Flying terrors of myth  
 29 With 42-Down, Oscars category from 1963 to 2019  
 30 Misfortunes  
 31 Semicircular recess  
 32 Items used by barkeepers, barbecuers and blacksmiths  
 34 Wackadoodle  
 35 Enhanced tape format released in 1987  
 37 Beat poet Cassady  
 38 Spewed forcefully  
 40 Take off the board  
 43 À la \_\_\_\_\_ (spit-roasted)  
 47 Spree  
 48 Black-\_\_\_\_\_ albatross  
 49 Knee-jerk response  
 50 Remove cargo from  
 53 Describing the 32-Down's image  
 55 Milk source  
 56 Impends  
 57 Inscribed with some ancient characters  
 58 Whirling toon, familiarly  
 59 Order, in a way  
 60 Nonfiction films, informally  
 61 Metaphor from an hourglass

- 64 "Come \_\_\_\_\_!"  
 65 This: Sp.  
 66 Sitcom planet of the '70s and '80s  
 67 Animal life  
 68 Pondered  
 69 It's probably over your head  
 70 One star, typically  
 73 Relentless go-getters  
 74 Carl XVI \_\_\_\_\_ (king of Sweden beginning in 1973)  
 76 Little bump  
 77 Eve's third son  
 78 Soccer chant  
 79 \_\_\_\_\_ 3000, half of the hip-hop duo Outkast  
 80 Persuade with patter  
 84 A majority  
 86 Offensive football positions  
 88 Ruby of "The Jackie Robinson Story"  
 89 Edgar Rice Burroughs novel, with "The"  
 94 Talk Like a Pirate Day outbursts  
 95 Dormer section  
 96 Turn aside  
 97 Actress Amanda  
 98 Taking a bow at the symphony?  
 99 Waif  
 100 "A warehouse of facts, with poet and \_\_\_\_\_ in joint ownership" ("The Devil's Dictionary" definition for "imagination")  
 101 Its motto is "Agriculture and Commerce"  
 104 Opposite of exo-  
 105 Woe for a speeder  
 106 \_\_\_\_\_ Blinken, Biden's secretary of state  
 107 Bit of "kit chat"

- 108 1974 spoof with the tagline "Would you buy a used secret from these men?"  
 109 Bits of machinery  
 110 Latin phrase meaning "based on forecasts"

### Down

- 1 Having legs  
 2 Cool shade  
 3 Weakness  
 4 Sledge, wedge, etc.  
 5 Sports org. with the Pittsburgh Maulers and Philadelphia Stars  
 6 SFO setting: Abbr.  
 7 Sang hosannas to  
 8 Car part the Brits call a "wing"  
 9 Heading for commonly sought info  
 10 Capote nickname  
 11 \_\_\_\_\_ light  
 12 Sweeping works  
 13 Reveals  
 14 Don't give up  
 15 Intellectual movement  
 16 Tyke  
 17 Performing well on  
 18 Candy with two flavors in one box  
 21 Flexible cutters  
 24 Kid Cudi or Lil Baby, e.g.  
 29 Fixed look  
 31 Enveloping atmospheres  
 32 Pope Pius XII called it "a holy thing perhaps like nothing else"  
 33 Odor-fighting spray brand  
 35 Parts of some brackets  
 36 "Yankee Doodle" has 16 of them  
 39 Entertainers with bright futures



- 41 Partner of poivre  
 42 See 29-Across  
 44 Juice regimen  
 45 Like épées vis-à-vis foils  
 46 Stretches out  
 48 Curve  
 50 Experience  
 51 Music genre for Erykah Badu and D'Angelo  
 52 Many people find it intolerable  
 53 About 98% of the human genome  
 54 Word meaning "desire" in a classic Sanskrit text

- 57 \_\_\_\_\_ avis  
 61 Big tear-jerker  
 62 Went under  
 63 Word with fine or signature  
 68 Hands, in slang  
 71 1980s White House nickname  
 72 Dilute something, in a way  
 73 Battery parts?  
 75 Up in the air  
 77 Maker of the Ring in "The Lord of the Rings"  
 80 Surgical instrument with thumbholes  
 81 Joy who wrote "Born Free"  
 82 Forgiving

- 83 Talent for discernment  
 85 Mic-check noise  
 87 Cattle-ranch identifier  
 89 "The Crucible" setting  
 90 Sheepish?  
 91 "Swell!"  
 92 "I can do this. Hit me."  
 93 Some 10-pointers in Greek Scrabble  
 95 Dish made from durum, say  
 98 Prefix with futurism  
 99 Kids of boomers  
 101 Grads-to-be: Abbr.  
 102 Not prescription, in brief  
 103 Scottish negative

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