

Across

- 1 "Gift" for someone who won't shut up
- 4 Cookout serving
- 7 Smooth stuff
- 12 Like the characters in the film "Pirate Radio"
- 17 Law school accreditor, briefly
- 18 Start to correct, nowadays?
- 19 Like those who peaked long ago
- 21 Event for some skaters
- 22 It's the twenty-fifth element
- 24 *I said to Merl, "I wrote a new play about you called ____." Flattered, Merl replied, "I wonder if my character plays a puzzle constructor or a postal worker"*
- 26 2014 men's and women's N.C.A.A. basketball champs
- 27 Intro class for sketchy people?
- 29 It'll pass
- 30 Drive
- 31 *I said, "You play a puzzle constructor whose rival is another constructor nicknamed Tony the ____." Merl said, "Real rivals write rhymes and write riddles, right?"*
- 36 Browning devices?
- 39 Offense
- 40 Weapon wielded by Gimli
- 41 Unit now called a siemens
- 42 Track figures
- 45 Crew member's need
- 46 "The Witches" author
- 48 Dodge hatchbacks of old
- 52 2012 Nobel Peace Prize-winning grp. of states
- 53 Show approval
- 54 *I said, "In one scene, Tony and Sgt. Sam of the ____ knock on your door. Tony says 'Merl, I can't take it! Your puzzles are so good, it's criminal! Your under arrest!' Sam says 'Tony, it's YOU'RE'"*
- 58 Giants receiver ____ Beckham Jr.
- 60 Language spoken in Vientiane
- 61 Ring site, at times
- 62 Prevent
- 63 Subject of a polysomnography test
- 65 Alma mater for Eddie Redmayne
- 67 "Queer as Folk" actress Gill
- 68 They may kill bills
- 69 *I said, "Before they can arrest you, you escape! You head to a place only you know, leaving everyone and your puzzles behind." Merl said, "So now my character is ____?"*
- 73 Major benefit, say
- 76 Enters
- 77 "Woman's World" singer
- 78 Former 66-Down player, for short
- 81 It might make you sick
- 82 It springs from a Spanish spring
- 83 Five-spots
- 84 Incense resins
- 86 *I said, "At this point, your wife and fans miss you dearly. And there are no more puzzles." Merl said, "So people are at ____?"*
- 91 You can put a drink on it
- 93 Retired Chinese Rocket

94 Total

- 95 Cost for each bandit to pass the toll in a classic "Blazing Saddles" scene
- 96 Kind of party
- 97 "Adam's Curse" poet
- 98 Liquor store requests
- 100 One quarter of dodici
- 101 Park structures
- 103 Where "Nabucco" premiered
- 107 *I said, "But though you may be gone, Merl, one day the people get a puzzle in the mail with a ____ from you explaining the key to your success"*
- 112 It starts in the spring in N.Y.C.
- 113 "Young Frankenstein" assistant
- 115 Epic poem in the Icelandic Codex Regius
- 116 Was someone's daddy
- 117 *Merl said, "You should get ____ to play my wife. Did you know her name anagrams to TOP LINES GIRL?"*
- 123 Looking bad?
- 125 Exclamation heard at 103-Across
- 126 Fossil site out west
- 127 Garbage collectors
- 128 Fun song "We ____ Young"
- 129 Tangle up
- 130 Frequent Comedy Central specials
- 131 Name of the sisterhood in a Rebecca Wells novel
- 132 Took control

Down

- 1 Range
- 2 Great ____ Island of the Bahamas
- 3 Hit repeatedly, as a drum
- 4 Feel sorrow
- 5 Warning phrase that I always utter in Admiral Ackbar's voice
- 6 Conflict in the Orange Free State
- 7 Wise guys?
- 8 Butterfield of "Ender's Game"
- 9 Followed by
- 10 Union member's agreement?
- 11 "____ said"
- 12 Called for
- 13 Pic on somebody?
- 14 Massive attack
- 15 It may be caused by a virus
- 16 Ruling family in the Middle East
- 18 Per ____

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- 20 Notable dialogue writer
- 23 Beef type
- 25 Food that, in this entry, is made up?
- 28 Buster Brown's dog
- 32 Source of concern in 2014 news
- 33 Sound of triumph
- 34 Final
- 35 Diane on NPR
- 37 "Get outta here!"
- 38 Winning coach of Super Bowl VI
- 42 Vitellius' predecessor as emperor
- 43 Homeowner's holdings
- 44 It involves drawing
- 47 Gets soapy
- 49 Neutrogena competitor
- 50 Sad-sounding Flo Rida song
- 51 Play areas?
- 53 Ptolemy XII's daughter, informally
- 54 Persians in Paraguay, say
- 55 Jump program spot in "The Matrix"
- 56 "The Witches" director
- 57 Bit of wisdom
- 59 Anal about the rules
- 60 Bit of protection for a swinger?
- 64 Dish cooked in broth
- 66 Bears play in it, for short
- 67 Temple of Karnak locale
- 70 Scrapped, in NASA-speak
- 71 Jazzy Jones
- 72 Pound foot?
- 73 "Top ____" (BBC's car show)
- 74 Org. opposed to the No Fly List
- 75 Image on a Canadian coin
- 79 "Game of Thrones" girl whose name sounds like she's into opera
- 80 Herbert Garrison's hand puppet assistant on "South Park"
- 85 Emergency signal
- 87 Cuba Libre ingredient
- 88 "Love the One You're ____" (Stephen Stills song)
- 89 Katz of "Dallas"
- 90 Sexy Sax Man's vibrator
- 91 1990s cartoon featuring the "devil" from another cartoon
- 92 "A Death in the Family" author
- 96 Awaits instructions
- 97 Base phrase?
- 99 Docking location
- 101 Diploma alternative, briefly
- 102 Main enemies in video games
- 103 Ignored
- 104 Embellish
- 105 Winning coach of Super Bowl IV
- 106 Athletic rival?
- 108 "L'Absinthe" painter
- 109 Verdana alternative
- 110 Metal, for one
- 111 Beat (out)
- 114 Controversial 1980s pesticide
- 118 "____ got it!"
- 119 Badge bearer
- 120 Wall St. news
- 121 "Sliver" author Levin
- 122 Love ____
- 124 "Boadicea" New Ager